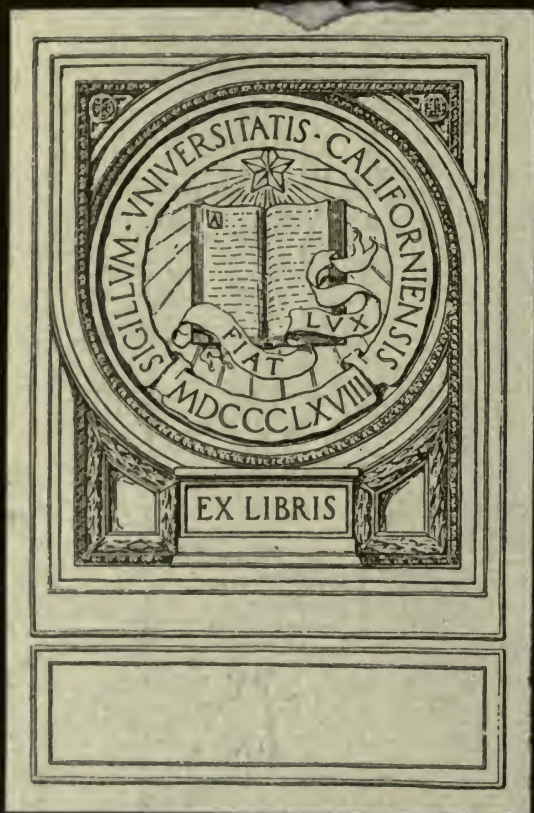


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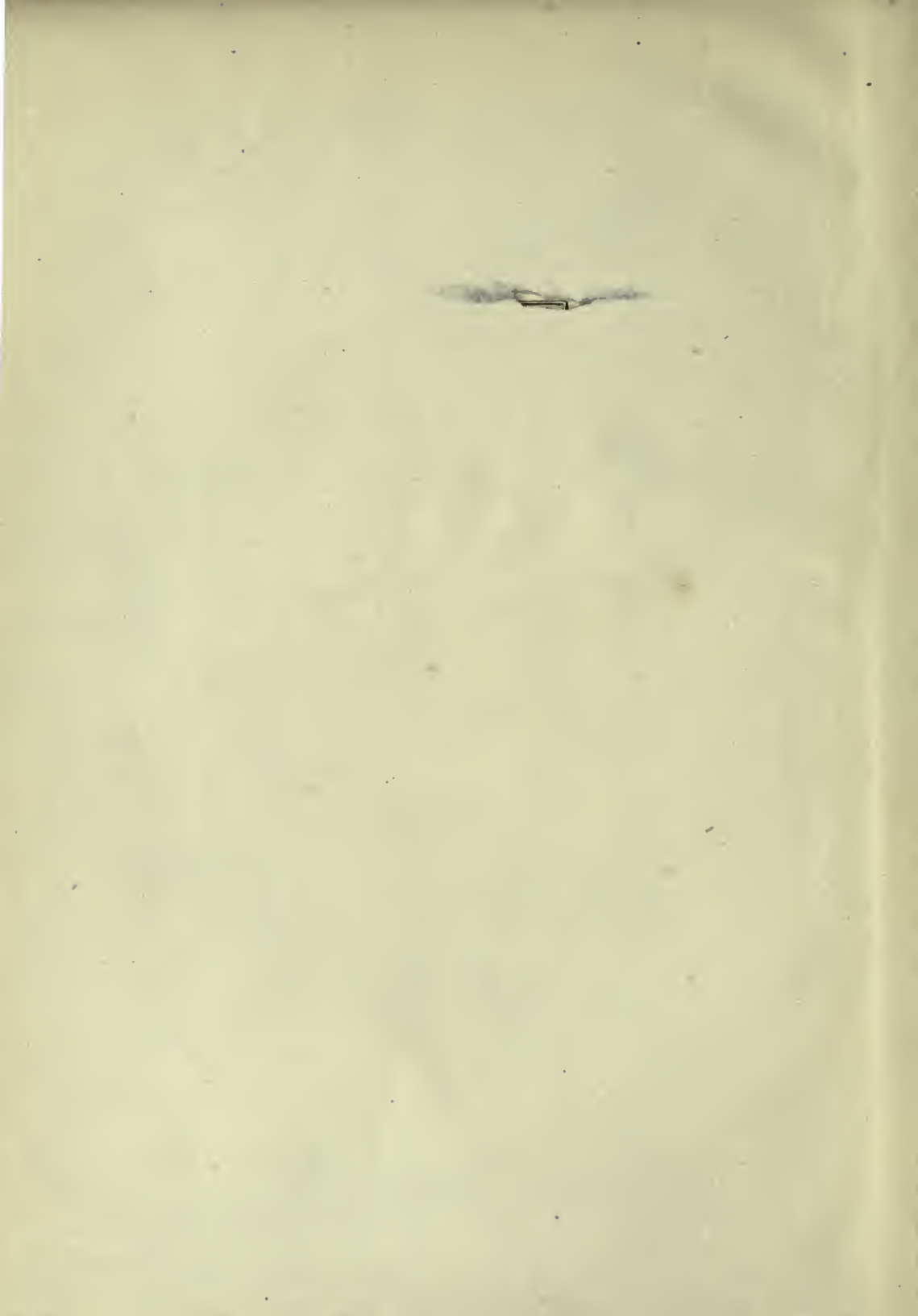


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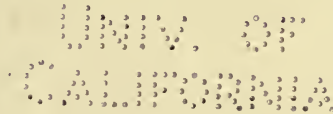
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THE losses and gains since the presentation of my last Report leave our Society one less in numbers than it was at that time.

The finances, as will be seen by the annexed account, are in a satisfactory state.

The expense of printing the third volume has been unusually heavy owing to the nature of the subject, but it is expected that our printing expenses will now return to their former level. There must, however, as I forewarned the Society last year, be an additional charge upon our funds in the coming year for transcriptions, as we shall not be able to obtain the volunteer assistance which has been so freely afforded us hitherto, and has saved the Society considerable expenditure.

Our fifth volume is now in hand. It will contain two unpublished Customals of Glastonbury Abbey of the 13th century, with some other documents bearing upon the same subject. I am glad to be able to report that the important work of dealing with this interesting subject has been kindly undertaken by Mr. C. I. Elton, Q.C., M.P., F.S.A.

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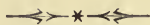
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Editor's Preface.



THE documents which form the corpus of this volume are of a class so little known, and *primâ facie* so little capable of enriching history, that it needs a few words to justify their selection.

I was asked in 1883 to inspect the Tintinhull Accounts then newly brought to light. I found in them not merely dry entries of Wardens' receipts and outlay, but a picture of village life, a record of habits, views, convictions, aspirations, which surprised me; moreover, I found that they untaught me no little. The church fabric and services were not maintained by the neighbouring Priory which owned all the acreage, but by the people, highly organized for purpose of continual contribution. I found also that the "parish" was a purely religious organization, distinct in its origin, its *raison d'être*, its principles, its working, and its aims, from the manor or the tything, though composed of the same personnel, man for man.

Since that time I have had opportunities of examining other Wardens' accounts noticed below, and I have found the same picture of church-life,¹ whether in village or in town.

It seemed to be fully within the province of a Record Society to make these documents public, to rescue them from peril of perishing or oblivion, and to bring their teaching to a focus.

The collections selected for thorough examination as the basis of these remarks were six; of these, one collection, St. Michael's, Bath,² had been printed by the Somerset Archæological Society in 1878 and 1879, in full. Of another, Morebath, portions were printed in 1883. I have not seen these two MSS., and am therefore not answerable for the faithfulness of transcription. For the handling of the other MSS., I am primarily indebted to friends, without whose aid my eyes could not have surmounted their task. The Rev. T. S. Holmes, Vicar of Wookey, made a verbatim transcript of the whole Pilton MS., the accuracy of which I can avouch from close collation. Our unwearied Secretary, Rev. J. A. Bennett, made large extracts from the Yatton, Croscombe, Tintinhull, and Morebath originals, transcribing what

¹ The only important variation from the rule of raising funds by voluntary means was that of Bridgwater, where there was an involuntary rate, at least a rate enforced in "invitos" though voted by the vestry voluntarily. See p. 230.

² This collection will be designated hereafter by **B**, the others by their initial letters, **C**, **Y**, **P**, **T**, **M**. See below for a short introduction to each collection at the head of the Accounts.

he judged to be the normal or more instructive portions, and summarizing the remainder. I have collated the first three before presenting them in print.

I have to regret that our space would not allow us to present a transcript of the *whole* MSS. The publication of the portions will, I hope, stir up others, like the new Vicar of Morebath, to enterprise a verbatim copy, and thereby to ensure the parishes against the loss of any of the substance of their now-valued chronicles.

I regret, too, that such stores as are lying at Banwell and Bridgwater should be left half searched. There is probably matter enough in these, even if not swelled by further discoveries, to fill another volume, and to add to our knowledge of the subject.

It is probable that both at Chard, and at Wells, where the municipal authorities¹ were heads of Guilds, and as such, were closely entwined with Church administration, the Church accounts are to be found among the town records. I am therefore obliged to send forth this collection in the consciousness of its being very incomplete, but in the hope that other hands will be stirred up and other hoards opened for its completion.

I may hope, however, that this work will serve to fill in part the remaining blank in our knowledge of the social life of our forefathers. This blank has been felt by our Society as one which it ought to aim at filling, and it has already achieved some steps in the process. In Vol. I the task of illustrating the working life of a diocese (then so potent a factor in the body politic), was assigned to me to work out from the Register of Bishop Drokenstord, 1309-29. In Vol. II Mr. Green has given us a sight of the forcible close in 1547 of the ritual system which had prevailed in our village churches, and which revived under Queen Mary only to die again under Elizabeth.

It remained to ascertain what that system was as developed in our villages, and to learn how far it had operated in the formation of our people's habits and customs. The present volume attempts to do this.

To illustrate the other side of the village life, its prædial and manorial sides, *i.e.*, its land tenures and husbandry; the relations between the owner and the occupier of the soil, of the lord of the manor, his customary tenants and his bondmen there must be a search into the vast store of manor court rolls, bailiffs' compoti, and custumalia which are yet extant.

Part of this search, viz., into the Glastonbury custumalia is already on foot, and will, it is believed, add to our yet scanty knowledge of the class relations of the village communities; and, if handled as we hope by one who has already manifested his knowledge of the mediæval land tenures, it may be hailed as a most effective contribution to the common aim of our Society.

¹ Mr. Serel, in his history of St. Cuthbert's Wells, has given "in extenso," contracts made for work in that Church in the 15th Century, the Mayor being a party, and the record remaining with the Corporation.

I now proceed to draw from the documents here edited or elsewhere inspected their teaching with regard to

The Parish, its Organisation and Condition

(Within the limits of 1349 and 1560).

[N.B. Where no other date is stated, all remarks below apply to this period.]

To reach the meaning of "Parish" antecedently to the changes which imposed civil functions on the religious community, we must be indebted, not to any later writings, but to co-temporary documents.

From them we find that the "parish" was the community dwelling in an area defined by the Church, organized for Church purposes, subject to Church authority.

The area might coincide with a manor or manors, or a piece of a manor or a tithing, or it might differ from all other defined areas. It was at times altered by Church authority.

Within this area every resident was a parishioner, and, as such, owed his duty of worship and contribution to one stated Church, and his duty of confession and submission to the official guidance of a stated pastor, entitled his Rector, or to the Rector's deputy, entitled Vicar.

There was no choice allowed.

The community was completely organized with a constitution which recognized the rights of the whole and of every adult member to a voice in self-government, but kept the self-governing community under a system of inspection, and (if need should be) restraint from central authority.

The necessary officers were (1), the Rector or his deputy; (2), the Wardens, the chosen representatives of the parishioners.

The whole adult population were accounted parishioners, and had an even voice when assembled for consultation under the Rector. Seeing that both sexes served the office of Warden, there can be no doubt that both had a vote.

The place of meeting was the Church. The name of "vestry," as applied to the Church council, nowhere appears.

It must have grown up after the date when vestry-rooms grew up, and were large enough, as at Croscombe, to contain an assembly. These must have been rare. In most country parishes the Churches served for the parishioners' council-room.

The Vestry.

The functions of the vestry (to use the later term) are gathered from the things entered as done "*coram parochianis*." The formal acts were (1), the yearly election of Wardens; (2), audit of the outgoing Wardens' Accounts; (3), transfer of the Church goods, and of balance of cash and livestock from the outgoing to the incoming Wardens by inventory; (4), consultation on the needs of the Church fabric and ornaments, and on the methods of raising funds, with instructions to the Wardens for effecting repairs, &c.

A wide freedom in the management of the fabric and accessories seems to have been left to the parish by the Diocesan Authorities. Probably the people were duly admonished when they fell short of their prescribed duties. Otherwise, they were left free in the exercise of their bounty; but it must be remembered that they were under the regular inspection of Rural-Deans and Archdeacons, who held most effective powers to enforce

their monitions, and that the Wardens were sworn to the Visitatorial Court to make presentments of every defect.

The liability of the parish to maintain and furnish the House of God was uncontested. It was the settled duty of each member to help in so doing, a duty always pressed on the conscience by the Clergy in making their parishioners' wills,¹ and the duty of the collective body must needs accrue from this rule for each of its constituents.

But though the duty arose "*in foro conscientia*," it was, according to the mediæval methods of guiding consciences, enforceable "*in foro externo*," i.e., in the Church Courts beginning with the Archdeacon's monition. Such a monition, we find, issued to St. Mary's, Bridgwater (*see* p. 231) based probably on the Vicar's presentment of some defect in the spire. The parish obeyed the monition and placed the estimated sum in the Vicar's hands for executing the repair, as ordered.

The details of the parishioners' liability were defined by papal and provincial constitutions. Archbishop Winchelsea's constitution, *circa* 1300, was in force in the middle of the 16th Century. I have given it in Appendix A, as exhibiting the authorised demands made upon lay members of the Church. They were large, but large as they were, were outstripped by the people's zeal, which went far beyond the imposed minimum in supplying the necessities of Divine Service.

In the apportionment of the "*onera*" (i.e., the requirements of the Church), between the parish and the Clergy, custom always had some variant voice, and in the apportionment between the Lay Rector and Vicar in an appropriated² parish, the Bishop's award was the rule. This was generally settled by a deed called "*ordinatio vicarie*" issued at the time of appropriation, but it was subject to revision and was not seldom revised when justice to needy Vicars demanded it.

Maps and Plans.

The mode of raising funds in discharge of liabilities was left to local option. Even in the rare case of a monition the parish was free to choose its own method of meeting the imperative demand. If there was no balance in hand, voluntary rates (called "setts," at M, p. 209) were sometimes made on some loose basis of rateability, and I suppose with no more attempt at enforcement than what the loss of the neighbours' good-will could effect. Special collections were more common, and of donors to these many lists survive, but one only case of a rate imposed by the majority upon the unwilling has come to light. This impost was levied at Bridgwater year after year upon the whole area of the parish, the town and the hamlets being divided into wards, and each ward visited by a collector who reported defaulters. One list of defaulters is extant, and also the charge incurred by the Wardens for entering a suit against them in the Archdeacon's Court. Even in this process of assessment the first stage was voluntary.

The parish was free to raise its funds, like all its neighbours, by the good-will of its

¹ The forthcoming extracts, edited by Rev. F. W. Weaver, from the oldest wills in H.M. Probate Registry, Wells, show that every dying person strove to leave something to his Parish Church, and to the mother Church of the Diocese, the Cathedral, too.

² I.e., where the rectorial Tithe had been perpetually annexed to a religious Society or Office. Cases of revised apportionments to Vicars may be seen in Reg. Drok., fo. 265, affecting Over Stowey and Yatton.

members. It was under no compulsion to rate them according to their property, but when it chose to do so, each member was bound to discharge his obligation to the Church in the way and amount determined for him. It then became an involuntary impost.

The Bridgwater rate is the only one known (to me at least) as a clear instance of the principle (a general one in mediæval self-governing communities), of the majority binding the minority in the discharge of duties common to each member.¹

But if it was rarely exercised, the reason is made clear by our records. The good-will of the people found the needed funds without resort either to compulsion or to any outside sources.

The modes of eliciting this good-will were various and worth studying.

1. The Church, after inhibiting the employment of labour on festal days, and requiring the people of all classes, as a sacred obligation, to attend the Church Services, busied itself to find amusements for the gathered people, thus identifying the Holy Day and the Holiday.

2. The popular amusements thus provided were the occasions for drawing out the peoples' contributions. The Church Ale was, by the end of the 15th Century, the most universal Churchwardens' resort for eliciting the bounty of the parish.

3. The principle of association was also largely employed. The constituent classes of the community were banded together for the maintenance of special devotions, e.g., lights, obits, the shrine of a patron saint, &c.

Each of these guilds had its festal day, its Service, and its revelry, and made its gathering of money; which, after defraying the guild-objects, was added to the Wardens' fund. This guild-system was most fully organised at Croscombe, where it must have been co-extensive with the community. *See p. i.*

4. The popular bounty was also elicited by other incitements. The names of benefactors were written in a roll, "the bede-roll," called also Kalendar, Martilege, Liber obitalis. The names were given out to the parishioners on great² days and their prayers bidden in behalf of the donors, "pro bono statu" if living, "pro salute animæ," if dead.

Some of the donors specify this enrolment as a condition of their gifts, some leave a fee to the "bedeman" who should bid the prayers in their behalf. The poorest, judging by the smallest of their bequests, were anxious to be among the benefactors. An iron crock, a girdle, a ring,³ a swarm of bees, and yet smaller gifts in kind may be found amongst the bequests of the poor, which the Wardens had to turn into money for their coffer.

5. The gifts of livestock were frequent, and of a nature which led the Wardens into farming them for the sake of annual returns. Sheep, cows, bees, were often given, and sometimes managed by the Wardens; but the management in the hands of officers changing yearly was difficult, and the stock is apt to disappear suddenly from the accounts, testifying to some

¹ At Wembdon a middle course was adopted in 1325. *See Reg. Drok., fo. 248.* The parishioners all agreed to a rate for rebuilding their Church. Some defaulted. This breach of faith was reported to the Bishop, who thereupon ordered the defaulters' names to be returned to him, intimating that they would be cited to Wells Consistory. The basis of this rate was *consent*, and the defaulters' offence was breach of faith.

² In all Churches one fixed day was celebrated as the anniversary for the Benefactors (Good-doers, C. 45), called variously, the great Dirige, the Commemoration, the Mass for the Founders.

³ The commonest gift of all—sometimes specified as the wedding-ring.

unexplained failure. At **C**, p. 40, the contract for management of a flock of sheep may be seen. At **P**, the church-herd of cows had their own Warden, see the Key-Warden's account, p. 63. At **M**, almost every side-altar was endowed with sheep. Even St. Michael's, Bath, a city parish, had a small flock.

6. Close akin to the farming of livestock was the trade (for it was nothing less) carried on at the church-house for the benefit of the church-coffer. The growth of this institution calls for separate treatment—*see* below. It became at last the most productive of all the fiscal devices. Its fiscal success led in fact to its moral ruin and its abolition.

7. Larger gifts were common, but the larger ones did not usually swell the Wardens' credit-sheet. They aimed at securing some abiding spiritual benefit to the donor and his family, *e.g.*, by addition of a chapel with its endowed chantry and obituary services. At **B**, we can track the growth of endowments in the form of house-property given to the parish, and administered by the Wardens, for the sake of maintaining anniversaries in behalf of the donors, *see* p. 228.

The houses were endowments of the *parish* and lightened the burden on the voluntary funds, but rich donors more commonly aimed at erecting or succouring newer institutions. At **C**, the Palton chantry was enfeoffed with an estate valued in 1537 at £29 1s. 6d., charged with maintenance of four priests. At Bridgewater the Lady Wardens administered an ample revenue for the lights and services of the lady-chapel, whilst the lights of the High Cross had in 1389 a rent roll of £2 14s.

8. By religious plays. In 1451 a Christmas play was got up at **T** (p. 184), by five parishioners, who gave the nett profits to the new rood-loft. At **M**, we read of an Easter-play; in each case the events of the religious season being set forth for the teaching of the unlettered people and thus combining edification with amusement. At St. Peter's, Oxford, the Wardens kept a set of players' garments which they not only used for Christmas plays at home, but let out on hire for behoof of their funds. These plays were, I suppose, held to be so far hand-maids to the church in her teaching office as to justify their being represented in the naves of the churches—the scenery, if any, being of the simplest. The Play-Kings with their mock courts were on the other hand, altogether secular, and exhibited in the church-house with more freedom of revelry and jest. We find them performing not only at Christmas, **C** and **T**, but at three of the four seasons, in the summer at **T**, in the autumn at **B**.

They all brought funds to the Wardens, as also did the Robin Hood-exhibitions at the village butts.

Wardens.

It is evident that Wardens who had to ply such fiscal machinery had very varied functions to perform, *e.g.*, farming, trading, selling gifts in kind, housing corn, selling beef when the bull was killed, **T**, p. 183, furnishing the church-house, overseeing its brewery, its bakehouse, its entertainments.

They had besides the duty of presentment to the Archdeacon's Court, as now, of moral delinquencies in their Rector or the flock. Further they had to make many journeys, *e.g.*, to fetch a Freemason from Exeter for building St. George's Chapel at **C**, in 1508, for buying standing trees, felling and seasoning the timber, as at **Y**, p. 85.

The complex nature of the office did not deter the parishioners from selecting females.

At **M**, p. 219, Lucy Scely held the office single-handed in the most difficult times, viz., 1548. Dame Isabel Newton was Warden at **Y** in 1496-7.

The office on the other hand was wholly free from all civil functions or even eleemosynary calls.

The earlier descriptions of the Wardens *custodes bonorum*, *Procuratores ecclesiæ S. Margarietæ* or *Joannis*, limit the office to the narrow bounds of providing the necessaries of a system of worship at a particular church or chapel. This and no more was the actual range of the wardens' office as deputed by the parishioners, and this was the object for which voluntary funds were committed to them. Their disciplinary functions accrued to them, as Bishop's Officers, empowered in the Visitation Court.

No civil functions were cast upon them¹ until quite late in the reign of Henry VIII, when they begin to receive orders to provide harness or arms for soldiers, to relieve maimed soldiers, or otherwise to meet the public needs for which the civil government neglected to provide.

In the reign of Edward VI, 1549, the voluntary alms of the members of the church were formally and regularly demanded for the relief of the poor. In 1552, the poor man's box was set up in the church under the Archbishop's injunctions, and the Wardens were required to gather the donations of the people, and to dispense them amongst the poor.

The Wardens thus became Relieving Officers, and when the mass of poverty, which had been quickened by the dissolution of the monasteries, became too heavy for voluntary alms, and demanded the impost of a poor's rate, the Wardens needed the aid of special officers for their novel functions of levying and dispensing a rateable tax.

The establishment of the rating power wrought a great change in the functions of the Vestry, of the Wardens, and of the parish.

Henceforth it passed from an ecclesiastical organisation of churchmen for their own special purposes, to a machinery, which, in addition, could discharge various functions for the civil power.

It was used regularly through the reigns of Elizabeth and James I, for maintenance of army hospitals, for passing maimed soldiers, for relief of wayfaring Irish and others, and for equipments of volunteers. Further, as the Hundred and Manor Courts waned in their active control over the secular interests of the locality, the Vestry became the chief council of the community, and having authority to tax the whole area of the parish, it was able to provide for any dropt duties and expenses. By successive stages it became the highway

¹ There were two legislative attempts, but both disregarded, at least by the parishes whose records are extant. (1). The provisions of the Statute of Labourers, 1349, which required Churchwardens along with officers of boroughs and counties to aid labourers to return to their homes, seem to have been quite inoperative, though sometimes quoted as evidence of the parish being a civil institution. The earliest charge for anything not ecclesiastical, is in 1512-13, at **Y**. see below p. 80. In 1528 the Wardens of **Y**. take up the yearly duty of scouring the Yeo with repair of sluices for the common safety. This may have been laid upon them by a Commission of Sewers, though preceding the Act in 23rd of Hen. VIII, which gave permanence to such Commissions, or it may have been prompted by desire for the safety of the village. (2). The Act of 27 Hen. VIII, 1535-6, "for punishment of sturdy vagabonds and beggars" seems to have been as inoperative as that of 1349. It required Churchwardens or two others of every parish (under pain of forfeiting 20s. every month) to gather voluntary alms of good Christian people, with boxes, every Sunday or Holy Day in such good discretion as that impotent folk, not able to work, should be holpen, so as not to go openly in begging, and also required that the lusty should be kept in continual labour.

board appointing its waywardens, and levying its highway rates. The care of the Pound the appointment of Hayward, the repair of Stocks, and appointment of Tything men often lapsed into its hands. In the huge parishes of London it has been gradually invested by the Legislature with large powers as the Local Government Board of each parochial area; and there its civil functions have so overtopped its ancient ecclesiastical ones as to hide their origin and induce the belief that it drew its birth from the civil community, assuming to itself the care of the church, not as its original purpose, but only as a necessary incident to the union of Church and State.

It will be easier for the next generation to realize the Vestry in its original purpose. It ceased to be a Poor Law Board in 1834 by the establishment of unions. It lost its rating power by the Church Rate Abolition Act of 1867, which restored its original dependence on voluntary funds. The Local Government Act, of 1888, has begun to transfer to the larger civil community the management of the streets of London. And the rector of the London parish has no longer to preside over a body charged with vast duties of a most secular character.

The village Vestry has now ceased to spend funds on equipping soldiers, or on the slaughter of vermin. It retains the election of Overseers and Guardians of Poor, and of Waywardens, as a testimony of the length it has wandered from its original functions.

Church Rates.

Our documents show no trace of recourse to compulsory rate imposed by external authority.¹ The voluntary contributions being adequate to the needs, there was no reason for seeking other and less desirable means. We cannot conclude that compulsory power could not have been invoked "ab extra." Within the parish the principle of community-self-government was strong. It was strong enough in the Manor Courts to enforce fines and general submission to the will of the majority. At St. Michael's, Bath, the Vestry laid the Wardens under penalty, 18th Henry VIII—but I have never met with a case anywhere in Bishop's Registers of compulsion being invoked by the Church community to enforce demands, except upon those who had consented to them.

In Reg. Drok., fo. 248, we find a case where the Bishop threatened compulsion against certain parishioners of Wembdon, near Bridgwater, who *after* consenting to a voluntary rate laid "juxta valorem possessionum," for the rebuilding of their Church, had failed to pay. The Bishop desired that the list of defaulters should be sent to him with a view to their citation. *Ante* p. xiii, note.¹

This case shows how easily a rate made by consent of a parish under monition might become compulsory, for each Churchman, who in Vestry opposed obedience to the monition, might be cited for contumacy, and when his assent had once been obtained, he was liable to be cited for breach of engagement.

The powers of compulsion were indeed ample enough, though happily little needed. In Bishop Roger de Norbury's Reg. at Lichfield, we find the Bishop on visitation in 1325 ordering the repair of the roof of Mayfield Church in Staffordshire. The parishioners pleaded that the inhabitants of the chapelry of Butterton had shirked their liability to

¹ The case of Bridgwater above named was one where the people by their own consent imposed a rate on themselves, and then coerced defaulters.

join in repairing the mother Church. The Bishop thereupon interdicted the Butterson people from the use of their own Chapel until they had done their duty to the mother Church of Mayfield.

The power of Interdict, *i.e.*, the excommunication of the whole community, was the weapon always ready for forcing the community into providing (1) the Church for the living, (2) the Churchyard for the dead, and (3) all the accessories of worship, if not found "*aliunde*."

The liability of the parish was a settled thing, but in the modes of discharging it there was ample option. In the case of disputed proportion of the liability, to be borne by the Chapelries of a mother Church, the Bishop was called in to settle it.

A decree of this kind is found in Reg. Drok., fo. 243, where the Bishop finally released the people of Wyke St. Lawrence from further liability to repair the mother Church of Congresbury, but made them liable to the exclusive maintenance of their own Chapel, Graveyard, and Services.

Sidesmen, *i.e.*, *Testes Synodales*.

These were occasionally appointed when ordered by the Ordinary to attend the Visitation Court as witnesses, or needed by the Wardens to support Wardens' presentments with their testimony in the Court.

The name of sidesmen does not appear, nor any formal name, nor does it appear how they were selected, but probably by the parish in whose name they were to give their evidence at the synod. The inference drawn from the documents is that this office was not a necessary or a constant part of the framework of the parish, that it was supplementary to one department of the Wardens' duties, *viz.*, the disciplinary.

In Canon 90 of 1603 the office is treated as a perpetual one. Two or three or more discreet persons are to be chosen in *every* parish by the joint consent of minister and parish, or failing their consent, by the Ordinary. They are called sidesmen or assistants, *i.e.*, to the Wardens, and are spoken of in the title as if they had a *joint* office with the Wardens.

Chapel and Chantry Wardens.

These offices sprang up to answer the demands created almost universally during the 15th Century by the addition of chantries and chantry chapels, some endowed with lands and cattle, some maintained by guilds.

In the case of the latter, the guildsmen were sure to elect their own Wardens. They were probably responsible to the guilds only, not to the parish, or to the Visitation Court, in which they were, I presume, not sworn in—but in the case of malversation of sacred goods, they would be as individuals amenable to the censures of the Court "*pro salute animæ*."

In the case of well-endowed chantries, where the priest was presented to the Bishop and instituted, the Wardens obtained nearly even rank with the Parish Wardens. They sometimes wielded a large income, and maintained festival services in which all parishioners could join.

The secular successors of some of these guilds, the Mayors and Town Councils are still found, as in Wells and Chard, nominating a Warden to act co-ordinately with the other Wardens for the whole parish the guild-origin of the Council's right being quite forgotten

The existence of chantries is now brought to light in almost every church restoration by the survival of piscinæ or some other token in the East or the side wall; but even where the fabric reveals no token, and perhaps never bore one, the existence of a guild, bound to maintain some special services, either obituary for the benefit of the departed, or festal, in honour of the guild's patron, or of the guild's feast day, may be presumed in all but the smallest of fabrics. If there were no side-altar, the high altar was available, and the parish priest was remunerated out of the oblations for officiating.

The publication of Edward VI's Chantry Commissioners' Report, 1547, has helped to show the prevalence of chantry endowments, but it must be remembered that it is an incomplete record. There were many endowments, which, warned by the signs of coming spoliation,¹ vanished in the latter days of Henry VIII—some of the chantries, maintained only by the goodwill of a guild, yielded nothing to the grasp of the Commissioners—some places, where chantries are known to have existed, seem unaccountably to have escaped the visitation, e.g., Mells, Leigh, Whatley, Tintinhull, Bruton and its chapels.

The Personnel

Of the average village parish was as follows—

1. Rector or Vicar invested with a permanent cure of souls. If disabled, an assistant priest, generally entitled "Capellanus."
2. A Deacon or sub-deacon, or both in the larger parishes.
3. A Clerk in minor orders, entitled—"clericus parochialis" and "*aquæ bajulus*" from his attending the priest with holy water. He was supported by the parishioners, by customary dues, which, if withheld, were enforced by monition.
4. A Sexton, in the modern sense, as grave-digger, and outside caretaker.
5. The Wardens, variable in number.
6. The Sidesmen—when needed.
7. The Wardens of the voluntary bodies, or of endowed chapels, or of guilds, or stores or herds.
8. The keepers of the procession-crosses.

In one of our selected parishes, **M.**, in addition to all the usual officers appears a body of men, probably exceptional, certainly supernumerary, elected by the parishioners, and recognized, though perhaps not empowered by the Ordinary. They are called each year from the number elected, the five men, or the four, or the nine, and by no other name. The reasons of their election were probably exceptional. Their action may be briefly viewed in the account rendered to the parish in 1527, p. 221, and again in p. 223, where "four honest men" are said to be "chosen to govern the parish in all causes concerning the wealth of the Church" "under orders at Visitation." They were a parochial council chosen it would seem "*pro re natâ*."

¹ The Chantry Commissioners report (p. 130) the fact of the Earl of Huntingdon, escheating the lands given by his ancestor about a century earlier for endowing a College of Priests in North Cadbury Church.

Lower Offices.

Of Deacons and Sub-deacons we hear little. That they were at times in use, the double and triple sedilia of our churches testify; but there was no endowment for them, neither any aid from the parish funds. The offices were a training for the priesthood, and to those candidates who were drawn from the lowest ranks, must have been their chief training. They were sometimes quartered in the parsonage-house¹ where they got some teaching in return for services, and they got some support from the illiterate neighbours who required their clerky help.

Schoolmasters there were none.

The office which the parish was required to support was that of Parish Clerk, in official language, *aquæ bajulus*, the carrier of Holy Water. He was in minor orders, perhaps sometimes raised to the sub-deaconship, if unmarried. He attended the priests inside the church, and also at the visitation of the sick, and carried Holy Water and Bread at seasons to some of the houses.²

At **M.**, p. 223, we find the details of his duties and emoluments. In Drok. Reg., folio 156, we find at Chedzoy the Bishop removing from the "*Beneficium aquæ benedictæ*" one who was neither tonsured or "*litteratus*," and requiring the curate to admit the Bishop's nominee, duly qualified. The office was regulated by Canon-law, and was imposed upon the parish, as the Canon of 1603 testifies. Singers appear sometimes, but whether as a trained choir, or some out-of-door performers, such as waits, is not clear. At **P.**, they twice received a gratuity from the wardens.

An organist was maintained at Yatton, the earliest, Harry Organs, earning his name by his art, and bequeathing it to his posterity.

The occasional mention of organs at **C.** looks like the use of a borrowed and "portative" instrument.

Ringers received gratuities now and then. They were probably a volunteer band, taking fees, as they came, but not wages.

The clock is found in every Church, in spite of being a costly article and needing frequent repair and paid care. The caretaker was generally the clerk, but with a special fee.

The care of the crook, *i.e.*, the chief processional cross, was at **P.**, a paid office. After a time, St. Michael's guild provided a crook for themselves, with its own keeper, leaving the distinction of "High Crook," to the chief one which headed the great Paschal Procession of the whole parish.

The care of the other manifold gear, candles, lamps, candlesticks (cansticks), banners, censers, incense, surplices and minor robes, with the "folding up of the vestments" did not belong to any one office, except in parishes rich enough to maintain a sacristan. They were paid for in separate items. Hence washing, wax, melting down old wax and making it

¹ See Abp. Peckham's Injunctions in 1280, to Lichfield Chapter in Dugd. Mon. V. 6, where he requires the Vicar of Bakewell to keep a Deacon and Sub-deacon as "commensales" and as pupils, and the Chapter, as rectors, to allow them 20s. and 10s. for clothing.

² Within memory the clerks of East Somerset carried an Easter-cake to each principal house, and received a fee in return.

up anew, with scouring of metal, all form regular and weighty items. At **T.** the washer-women declined to take anything for their labour, leaving us an example which the Wardens did well to record, though little dreaming that it would be held up for the incitement of church people at the end of 400 years. At **P.**, the Warden charges for "sunning the cloths," a much needed process in a church never warmed.

Having omitted it elsewhere, I will here remark on the system, which must have brought much stir and trouble to the servants of the church, of executing works on the spot with material bought by the Wardens. When books were wanted, parchment was bought, a scribe hired, a book-binder fetched and furnished with material. Clock weights and sheets of lead were cast on the spot, the metal being brought from Mendip. Even the high art required for ornate robes could be sometimes found near enough at hand to be employed on the spot by the Wardens, who had to find the materials. The grand workmanship of the rood-screen at **Y.** was all executed by Crosse, a carver in Cleeve within the parish, the oak being bought by the Wardens in standing trees, which they selected, felled, and seasoned. The fine bench-ends at **T.** were executed in the same way.

The diffusion of skilled art and of taste through the village communities is thus evidenced incontestably.

The Life of the Parish.

With the above view of the constitution of the parish, we may proceed to a view of its life.

The religious conditions of the community stood in strong contrast to the civil. The spiritual authority was strong enough to control all orders and degrees of men in their mutual relations. The Church regulated the festal and work days. It claimed for the servile population to be free from the demands of service on the days set apart as Holy Days of obligation. These days were not only the Lord's day and the great Christian Feasts, but also days of local observance, e.g., the dedication day of the Parish Church, the day of the local Saint or of the principal guild-patron.

On all these days the labourer, though born in serfdom, was free, only bound to the service of his Divine master. He donned his best clothes, he joined his fellow-guildsmen, he marched under banners to the Church as the common home of the highest and the lowest.

After Divine Service, there were amusements provided at the Church-house, or on the village green. Somebody had given a tavern of ale, and invited the parishioners of the next parish that kept these social terms, or there was a return revelry at the Church-house of that parish, or the guild of Webbers or of Hoggliers was holding its "ale," or Robin Hood was mustering his men at the Butts, or the young men or the maidens were keeping Hockday.¹

The bulk of the parishioners, even the serfs, were, I conceive, engaged through their various associations in planning these amusements. They were not spectators or partakers merely, but also managers sharing in the pageant and in the costs; and thereby the bonds

¹ The Monday and Tuesday in the second week after Easter week. At St. Peter's, Oxford, the maidens stopped the thoroughfares on the first day, making the young men pay for passing. On the second day the young men levied toll of the maidens. The proceeds went to the Wardens.

of social fellowship were tightened, and the barrier lines between servile and free, which seem to the student of our law books to be so impassable, were melted away by the warmth of kindly fellowship.

Certain it is that in these documents no trace is found of any class disfranchised by bondage from the even enjoyment of the privileges, spiritual or social, which attached to the religious community.

If we glance at a manor court roll of the day, the condition of the civil community as there seen stands in strong contrast to the condition of the religious community, (the very same persons be it remembered) as shown in the Church accounts.

In the civil document the community is divided into sharply defined classes, the lord of the soil and his tenants, the tenants into bond and free, the villeins again sub-divided according to the size of their holdings into *virgatarii*, *fordellarii*, etc. The relative duties of class to class are sharply defined too, and are involuntary. They are all enforceable and enforced by fine and penalty. But in spite of this harsh look there are traces to be seen of a gradual blending of classes and interests, and of a continual softening of the earlier barrier lines. Though the legal distinction between the servile and the free tenant went on, it became so modified in practice that the same persons are found in the Court Roll on the list of the bondmen, and of the leasehold occupiers of farms which they obtained by payment of fine.

In Henry VIII's Valor, 1537, the monastic estates are shown to be no longer managed on the earlier system of the demesne cultivated for the lord by his serfs under a reeve, the rest of the manor in villenage. In 1537, the manor is found apportioned into farms leased to the newly-created race of renting yeomen, and worked by free labour for wages. The manorial community had become much more blended and assimilated; and wherever we can get peeps into its inward spirit and condition it was actuated by a strong *esprit de corps* which must have tended potently to fuse the stiff social partitions.

The great blending force is, I conceive, to be found in the church, not only in its master-precepts of brotherly love and mercy, but in the peculiar form which it adopted of social action, a form which its lofty authority then enabled it to carry out. It was able to mitigate the rigour of the landlord's demands upon the servant of the soil, whom serfdom would else have doomed to an unceasing round of toil. It was strong enough to say to the master, "Thy servant shall rest on the days that are marked as holy. Thou and thy servant together shall on those days resort to the house of your Divine Master, as fellow servants, and there pay your united homage of prayer and praise."

It was in this way that the Holy Day of the Church became the Holiday of the people. The holy day and the holiday, now so different, were in origin identical, and for some time identical in meaning and in mode of observance. The growing divergence is traceable in these documents (the later of them), but it is our present business to note that they were once identical, and to measure the very wide social import of that fact.

The Church-house, being the focus of the social life of the parish (meaning by that word the Christian community), will be fitly introduced here in illustration of the above.

The growth of this institution may be traced in all its stages in **T**. Beginning with a bakehouse for the holy wafer, and for the holy loaf, it came to be a place of sale for the latter, and when brewing gear was added for the brewing of the holy ale, a place of sale for that also, instead of the churchyard. It had, by these facilities for baking and brewing,

become a source of revenue. This revenue was enhanced by letting the oven and the brewing vessels on hire for the use of private persons.

The next step was to get possession of a dwelling-house, and to make it a place of entertainment. A house was obtained (subject only to a quit rent to the manorial lord) close to the church, in the reign of Henry VII. Agnes Cokke, *i.e.*, the cook who probably owed her surname to her calling, was placed in it to manage the complex concerns, now including cookery.

In 1533 it had reached its full development. It was a most convenient centre of sociality. Anyone who wished to forward a church object found appliances ready. He had only to proclaim an ale (*taberna* in churchwardens' latin, *i.e.*, a tavern), and the parishioners flocked to it, and gratefully brought their contributions.

With enlarged appliances, they enlarged the area of hospitality. Tintinhull invited Montacute and Stoke, Montacute and Stoke on their festal days invited Tintinhull, for an interchange not only of sociality, but of religious offices and contribution.

These *tabernæ* were, I consider, expansions of the earlier institution of the "Holy Ale," which in its simplest form was the Wardens' sale of Ale blessed by the Rector and carried home, as the holy loaf was, from the church door. The *taberna* was a social consumption of the ale. It was a revelry, and liable to sensual abuse. The abuses abounded in proportion as the power of the church to check them waned, and the religious origin of the institution was forgotten.

The Church-house, however, went on with dangerous popularity all through Elizabeth's reign,¹ and in spite of just puritan dislike. The 88th Canon of 1603, "Churches not to be profaned," only touched the evil so far as to guard consecrated places from revelry. It did not forbid the ales. In this county the civil authority interposed, and, in spite of the Bishop's (Piers) apology, succeeded in quenching them together with all the peculiar social life of the village community out of which they had sprung.

They have never revived in any form but that of a club-walk, and that institution originates in association for mutual aid, not for the furtherance of Divine Service.

The houses nevertheless had a long, though inglorious history. They became the property of the civil parish which had no funds for repairing them. They were generally used, whilst each parish was chargeable with maintaining its own poor, for housing the poorest families. When the reformed Poor Law in 1834 gathered the indoor paupers into union workhouses, the squalid tenement, once the Church-house, was sold, and the price carried as a parish contribution to the building of the central workhouse. The Church-house was, I believe, as universal an adjunct to the church, as the Sunday School-room has become in this century. Every small tenement reputed to be, or to have been parish property, lying very near to the church, may be suspected of having been once the focus of the social life of the church community, it may be under the name of our Lady House as at Pilton, or Guildhall as at Stanford, Berks.

I have spoken of the Christmas play and also of the Play-kings, amongst the means of raising church funds. There were also mumming and minstrel performances, which no doubt found a rallying place at the church-house; but I am inclined to think that they were wholly in the hands of wandering bands of laymen, owning no sober control, and not in

¹ The chief source of income at T, and elsewhere, to the end of the 16th Century.

the hands of parish officers. To judge by what survived of them within memory, their subject was always a crusading one. St. George rescuing a Christian maid from her Turkish captors was always presented, and the joy of his never-failing victory was expressed in a dance, the *morris*, *i.e.*, moorish dance. The whole was out of doors, near Whitsuntide, or at least in May.

At Y. the continual charge for minstrels at Whitsuntide points, I conceive, to a mumming performance with music and dancing. There was often a Whitsun Ale held by the Wardens at the same time.

Life in the Parish, what it lacked.

Our documents lead us, by their silence, to see what the parish of the 15th and 16th Centuries had not. It had no school or schooling within reach, no books, no readers.

The whole scholarship of the village was confined to the Clergy, and to the steward of the manor, who knew enough of technical Latin to make entries in the Court Rolls. The clergy were the chief scribes invoked for drafting agreements or reading them, or for making wills. The Wardens regularly charge for the writing of their accounts by a hired hand, and they were obliged to trust that hand for spelling, a craft then in its infancy, and enjoying the widest freedom from rule. Whether the scribe used his choice in employing English or Latin, or a mixture of both, the average Wardens were equally unable to read the result.

The use of Latin in the audit sheets, passed "*coram parochianis*," must not be taken as evidence of erudition. The same people were used in the manor¹ court to have their proceedings recorded in Latin. To those who could not read, it mattered not. They were used to resort to learned help for the solution of every record, as they did for the transmission of their most important secrets by letter. The entire unletteredness of the community told in many ways upon their habits. All tidings were passed from mouth to mouth, not only delaying the rate of progress, but ensuring distortion of the intelligence in its passage through many and unintelligent media. The village resort, whatever it was, whether ale bench, or Church-house, or the village green, was the news-room where the latest rumours could be heard and discussed. I cannot but think that one of the objects of the Church-house was to afford a kind of club-house for villagers, the general resort of all ages, ranks, and sexes, free from the uncontrolled temptations and the unbridled language of the publican's ale bench, and that it must have served a purpose of social education in promoting interchange of thought and speech between the chiefs and elders of the parish on the one side, and the poorer and younger members on the other, but of this we lack positive evidence.

Relief of Poor.

There is one department of parish life on which our documents might be expected to speak, but they are quite silent.

It is the care of the poor and disabled. There was, as we know, no State relief for

¹ Court Rolls were written in Latin till a very late date, long after it was abandoned by the parish. In fact, the parish was the first institution that adopted the use of English for its records. See Y, 1445.

the poor, no enforced provision of any kind. The parish contributed nothing. Its funds were evidently raised for other purposes, and, until they were deemed by the civil power to be a convenient resort for abating the growing poverty, they were never applied in alms. At the end of Henry the VIII's reign, when the effects of the dissolution were making themselves felt, the first items of poor relief appear, but under orders from without. The effect is well known. The violent diversion of voluntary funds from their intended purpose dried up the source in the good-will of the donors. The civil power in Edward the VI's reign tried to formalize a system of poor relief through the agency of the Church without taxation, but it was found necessary to introduce a rating system, and to support it by legal sanction. But we are here concerned with the question: What did the parish, as a Christian community, strongly feeling the brotherhood-tie, do spontaneously for the relief of the needy?

The audit sheet does not show a single eleemosynary item.

I can only suppose that the brotherhood tie was so strongly realized by the community, that the weaker ones were succoured by the stronger, as out of a family store. The brotherhood tie was, no doubt, very much stronger then, when the village community was from generation to generation so unalloyed by anything foreign, when all were knit together by one faith and one worship, and close kindred; but, further than this, the guild-fellowships must have enhanced all the other bonds in drawing men to share their worldly goods as a common stock. Covertly if not overtly, the guildsman bound himself to help his needy brother in sickness and age, as he expected his fellow-guildsman to do for him in his turn of need; and these bonds, added to a far stronger sense of the duty of children towards aged parents than is now found, did, I conceive, suffice for the relief of the poor, aided only by the direct almsgiving which flowed from the parsonage house, or in favoured localities, from the doles or broken meat of a monastery.

This latter was, of necessity, limited in area to the neighbourhood of the convent gate. The majority of parishes in the land were out of reach of it. The amount of the *stated* money doles is returned in the Valor of Henry VIII¹ as an abatement of the taxable income of the house. If spread evenly over the country it would not have gone far in relief. As it was, being given at the gate, together with broken meat, very considerable, but ungaugable in amount, it cannot have served as a reliable substitute for other means of relief throughout the breadth of the land. To take an instance.—The doles statedly given to the poor at Glastonbury are returned in 1537 at £140 16s. 8d.—a large sum, so large, probably, as to attract a body of resident beggars in waiting at the gate, but not large enough to flow beyond a few neighbouring villages whose able-bodied poor might reach the gate on the favoured days. It could not have touched the distant manors of the Abbot's vast estate. It did not touch any who could not come to fetch it. At Wells there were similar doles at Penniless Porch and at Saint John's Hospital, equally restricted to a small area. Passing from Wells northward, no other centre of almsgiving could be found nearer than Bath, Keynsham, Bristol, or going southwards and westward at the Abbeys of Muchelney, Athelney, Taunton, Cleeve, Barlynch, and St. John's Hospital, Bridgwater.

The monastic alms must have been, besides this insufficiency, far too uneven and limited in area to have eased the strain of poverty beyond their own neighbourhoods. Our

¹ See App. C, for table of eleemosynary doles charged upon monastic lands.

problem, "what did the parish do?" still remains unsolved. The manorial records are as silent as the parochial. The manor-court rolls show no entry implying that the poverty of the dependents of the manor ever came before the court except in abatement of a fine. The serfs were by theory of law (once true in fact) incapable of acquiring property, and therefore must have been by the presumption of law dependent on their Lord, and in the days of disability as wholly dependent as the slaves of Carolina on their owners. It is true that after 1349 they began, in spite of law, to acquire rights, and to earn money, but still their support in times of need or sickness was not within the cognizance of the manor-court, and seems to have been left wholly to the good-will of the lords. At least no machinery for securing their due support is now known to exist. The grand eleemosynary scheme, issued by Bishop Drokensford in 1313—see Reg. Drok., fo. 141a and App. C—for the manors of his see, is an evidence of the obligation felt by great landowners, and it may be hoped, felt by all, though not by all in an equal degree, in obedience to conscience quickened by public opinion and long-standing custom.¹

Whatever the care taken or not taken by the owners of the soil and of the servile population, we come back to the fact that the parish, *i.e.*, the organized Christian community, as such, did nothing in the way of money-relief, and to the conclusion that long custom based on, and ever inspired anew by Christian teaching and example, bound the divers classes of the community in such close brotherhood-ties, as to ensure the relief of the neediest.

Things Unnamed.

Besides relief of the disabled there are other matters not spoken of in the records, the absence of which I cannot account for, *e.g.*, (1), the administration of the rites of Confirmation; and (2), of preaching; (3), of confession. The visits of a confirming Bishop were likely to have shown themselves in the accounts in the way of charge for his retinue; witness the charges at Y in 1486, p. 79, for entertainment of the Bishop's men at a Consecration. (2), For preaching, the pulpit was always ready, being wanted for the far more frequent use of the bedeman bidding the prayers. Preaching no doubt was not a regular part of the Sunday observances as now. It was rare, but we must not conclude from the silence of our MSS. that it never was practised.² Confirmation, too, must have been administered, though, perhaps, only in the larger churches. (3), The ordinance of confession probably required some convenience in the Church which the Wardens would provide for.

There is no mention of the use of the Offertory as a means of gathering the alms of a congregation. It was not in use, as in our reformed ritual. Whatever was offered on the Altar came within the designation of Altarage (*alias* Altelage) and was due to either Rector or Vicar, as his endowed right, and so altogether beyond the Warden's reach. The Alms-

¹ The operative strength of such forces may be more easily believed in by remarking that within memory Ireland, Scotland, and the Isle of Man, had no poor law, *i.e.*, no compulsory relief for the needy, who therefore depended on the good-will of kindred, neighbours, former employers, and the alms of the Church.

² Prebendary Randolph in the "Newbery House Magazine," February, 1890, quotes a presentment made by the questmen of Colyton, Devon, in 1301, complaining of the rarity of their Vicar's preaching. Of its quality they did not complain, because it was his best, and he was a good man, but he stinted quantity and he would not admit the preaching friars to eke out his insufficiency as his predecessors did.

box is not mentioned, and probably did not exist till ordered by the First Prayer-book of Edward VI.

Of the Friars as Village preachers we hear nothing. At **T**, p. 184, a Friar of Ilchester is recorded as a donor by will, which shows that the members of the begging order had slackened their founder's rule of owning nothing. At **P** a Frary-clerk yearly received a fee of *x*s**., but who he was or what his services to the parish, is left in the dark. The activity of the Friars as that of the older Orders had probably waned by the 15th Century.

It remains now only to repeat my regrets for the insufficiency of my researches, and my hopes that short-coming as they are, they will serve as a spur to others to gather whatever of value remains hidden amongst the dry entries. I am sure there is much, and that with our increased facilities for reaching the history of our forefathers, the work of thrashing out the grains will be an easier one for after comers. There is also something besides history to be gained. In dwelling on these records of church-life, I have been led to many reflections on the theology of the past day in its practical effect on the morals and habits of the people, on the religious convictions so differing from those which now sway the popular mind, and on the methods of engaging the religious interests of those classes who were absolutely unlettered. The object of this work being historical, and not theological, I am not warranted in expressing any of my reflections, which I have felt free to express in the pulpit and elsewhere. If the absence of them should seem to savour of approval of practices which have been forbidden by the reformed Church of England, either as erroneous or inexpedient, I will beg my readers to take note that my silence is due to the limits of my position. I am set to find out and put forth things as they were, and not to express my approval or disapproval.

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Wells, June, 1890.

A large, complex diagram of a human brain, viewed from above, with numerous small circles and lines indicating neural connections and pathways. The diagram is labeled with various letters and numbers, suggesting a detailed anatomical or functional map.

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The two wardens were chosen yearly by the parishioners. They held their audit on January 11th, or some day in that month, or February—once in March. The audit sheet was made out at the time of audit, after the announcement of recent gifts and bequests, and the receipt of subsidies from the guilds. The wardens then presented their bill of expenses, got their acquittance, and after choice of new wardens, handed over to them the church goods and the stock, *i.e.*, the balance of money, rings or other valuables in the box or coffer (the value always stated).

There was another fund, "dead money," not subjected to audit, though administered by the wardens. It served for maintaining lights for the departed, and for the general anniversary obit. It was fed by gifts and bequests.¹ The balance of this fund called the "Reste," was entered in the sheet.

And once—1483-4—The Wives.

The largest items of receipt were from the "Croke," *i.e.*, the processional Cross which

² Wright's Provincial Dictionary gives "hoggle" as a Somerset word = to take up from the ground, like potatoes. See Glossary

had its special keeper, as had also St. Michael's Croke. The gathering of alms was made during the procession.

At Easter a special gathering, entered separately, was made for the paschal taper, the font-taper, and the trendel.

The form of the wardens' account is descriptive of the proceedings of the audit. Each contributor is represented as coming into the church and presenting his offering, *e.g.*, "Cometh yn Roben Hod and presentyth yn," and then taking out his "stok" for the coming year's stewardship.

Probably the entire community was enlisted in one or other of these guilds, and thereby all classes associated not only in the maintenance of the church, and its services, as members of the same religious body, but also in the festivities of their holydays, which brought all classes together as members of the same social community.

THE FABRIC was maintained by the same means as the services. In no case did the wardens look beyond the parish for funds, though some gifts from outside seek them, *e.g.*, from Bishop Bekynton's executors, 1478, and an altar cloth from Dame Elizabeth Shepton, a friend now unknown.

In 1476 the fabric must have consisted of nave and chancel, both with aisles, of tower, and porch.

In 1506-7 additions were made, probably the strong rooms at the south-west angle, which served for vestry and treasure-house, and also the chapel on the north of the chancel aisle, intended for the more dignified cultus of St. George, which thenceforth became popular, and brought in large gatherings.

The payments to Carter, the Exeter Freemason, go on through 1508-9-10. He is called the "Jorgemaker," and paid specially for the setting up of the "Jorge," xxxs., showing that his work was principally in the addition of this substantially-built chapel. In 1512-3 the chapel was at last completed. "The hole coste of the Jorge" is summed up at xxvijl. xjs. vjd., but in spite of this large outlay, the funds were very thriving.

At the audit of 1512-3 the wardens handed on a balance of xl. ivs. vjd. in the chest, besides a store of rings, and of some other articles priced at xl.

This affluence, so unknown to modern wardens, and so enviable, was wholly due to the one-hearted zeal and bounty of the parishioners themselves.

THE ACCOUNT BOOK.

This is kept in the parish chest. It is of paper, much dogs'-eared, with a tattered remnant of its leathern binding. Of the whole volume, only 122 pages survive, the earliest and latest having been lost: the modern paging will be found noted in these transcripts.

The audits run on from 1475, with few exceptions, to 1548, when the accession of Edward VI, and the visits of his Commissioners broke the old order. Spoliation set in, 1547-8. In 1548-9, 1550-1, 1552-3, are irregular entries savouring of the unsettledness of the times. In 1553-4, after Queen Mary's accession, the wardens present to the parish an inventory of goods recovered from their hiding during the late reign.

In 1555-6, inclusive, there are entries, but no regular audit.

CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE PARISH.

With an acreage of only 1,433 acres, its agricultural wealth was small. The cloth trade was its chief support, with perhaps a little lead-mining. The Palton family, whose manor house still survives in small remnant on the north side of the church, were the chief land-owners up to 1449, when the last Palton died, and apparently left no resident successor.

The community must have been mainly composed of the middle and lower classes, such as are represented in the guilds. Only two families, the Mayows and the Denshlys, probably clothiers, were rich enough to give endowments.

The benefice was a Rectory in the gift of the Paltons and their successors.

The last Palton made an addition to the endowments and to the fabric, circa 1449, by enfeoffing a guild with lands and tithe at East Horrington. The enfeoffment deeds have lately come to light in H.M. Record Office. (See note on Mayow's gift, below sub anno 1483.)

These endowments were not applicable to any but their own specified purposes.

All the maintenance of the fabric, the ritual, the bells, books, and vestments, with all accessories, *e.g.*, the church house, the clerk and sexton, were drawn from the voluntary alms of the members of the church.

January *mccccxxvi*. Audit for 1474-5.

A loose sheet with torn edges, the date lost. Date determined by names of wardens elect, who present the accounts in January, 1476-7, *i.e.*, the next year.

. . . The said year by Thomas . . . , Warden for yere past. . .
Comes John Joyce and William Branch, and brings in of the King's revel¹. . .
Comes John, and bryngs in of the remayn of font-tapur and trendel . . .
Item, the rent of the last year past for Fyllocks . . .
It. The goders of Synt Collas² bryngs in of encrese for this year . . .
It. the Carchof³ and a ryng of the gifte of Jone Dolyng, present in by the . . .
It. the Auter cloth of the gyfte of dam Elsabeth Shepton, present in by the Wardens . . .
It. the Wardence bryng in ayen⁴ the stoke of last yere, that . . . ix*l*. x*d*.
Comes the Webers and bryng in their stoke xij*d*., and more encrece xj*d*. ; summa . xxiiij*d*.
Comes Harry Mew and Thomas Symones and received a stoke of . . . xij*d*.
Comes W. Branch and presents in for Synt Meghel which lyse in his hands as a stoke . iij*d*.
. . . W. B. and bryngs in the Cherche money that he . . . of ij yere ago ;
summa . . . xviiij*d*.
. . . bryng in encrece for the yere . . . vj*d*.
Come tokers and bryngs in their stoke xij*d*., and more encrece xj*d*. ; summa . xxiiij*d*.
Comes Thomas Costrell and Rogger, and received a stoke of . . . xij*d*.
Comes Hoglers and bryngs in there stoke ijs., and more encrece x*d*. ; summa . . . ijs. x*d*.

¹ Probably the Christmas-tide sport, which had a wide currency under varying names and forms, centering in a King and a mock court (see Brand's Pop. Antiquities v. i, p. 259, ed. Bohn). Its abuse led to a restraining canon in Worcester Diocese, 1240. This revel brought income to the wardens thrice, *viz.*, in 1476, 1478, 1504.

² Gatherers of St. Nicholas.

³ Kerchief, a word of most variable spelling.

⁴ Again.

Comes Thomas Costrell and Richard Tropenell and received a stoke of . . . ijs.
 Comes yong men and bryngs ijs. ijd. clere.
 Hit apers by the sa xxxs. iijd.
 So they be in the parrych det. ix. ix*d*., which they have paid.
 . . . go quit away.
 The money of the Croke of this yere comes to in the box iij*l*. xvijs.
 Paid to Harper for his yere's wages vs.
 Paid to John Joyce and Harper for the Croke kyping this yere xx*d*.
 Summa of the Cherch goods, Croke, and ryngs sylver xvi*l*. vd.
 Comes John Hill and John Harper ayen chosen by the parrech for Wardens for this year.
 Delyvered to John Hille v*l*. xiijs. iv*d*.
 So raymens in stoke in the box xl. vjs. xid.
 It. There is left of dede money in the box and parson paid¹ lijs. vjd.

PAGE I.

Anno mccccxxvi. i.e., 1476-7 for 1475-6.

Acunte y made of the parresche church of Corscomb the xj day of Janever by John Hille and John Harper, Wardens for the yere past.
 Comes Thomas Blower and John Hille and presents in xls. of Roben Hod's recones (reckonings).
 Comes John Joyce and Roger and presents in of fonttapur and trendel—of ences . . . iijs.
 Comes Sowthemor and bryng in for ffyllok's rent iijs.
 Comes Walter Mayow and presents in of the gyfte² of Isabel Mayow, I payer vestements of white damaske (? broidered) and delyvered into cherche.
 Comes the Weybers Harry Mewe and Thomas Symonds, and presents in xxi*l*.*d*., and they receive a yen for a stoke xij*d*.
 Comes William Brabuck and presents in of old and new of Synt Myghel light which remayns al in his hands vjs. viij*d*.
 Comes the Hoggler, and presents in of old and new (Tropenel and Harper) iijs. x*d*., and they received a yen for a stoke ijs.
 Comes young men William Coggen and Nicol Edmonds and bryng in of ences of the past iijs. ix*d*. that remayns in their hands delyvered to them more by Heyman of his gaderyng of old ijs. ijd.
 Comes Tokers and Roger and Costrell and presents in cler ijs. ijd., and Roger and Braunch received a stok of xij*d*.
 Comes the maydens and bryng in of ences cler ix*d*
 Comes Mayster³ John Toker and gyfes to the new legent⁴. vjs. viij*d*.

¹ I.e., after paying the priest for his services.² Gyfte, and gyste, i.e., bequest, are written so alike as to be hardly discernible.³ A master fuller.⁴ A book of Legenda Sanctorum for reading on Saints' days.

PAGE 2.

Janver Ao. mccccxvi [sic].

Comes the Wardence and bryng in a bille of their cost done the yere past as hit
aperes by same bille xxxiijs. vij*℥*.
Item the Wardence have paid for stoff¹ and writtyng of the new legent which is xlv*℥*
queyres, pres per queyer iijs. ; summa v*℥*l. xviijs.
So the parresch is in the det of the wardenes xxxviijs. ii*℥*l. ob.
The money of the Crok of the yere comes to lixs. vij*℥*.
Paid to Harper for his yer's wages vs.
Paid to Harper for keypyng of the Croke xx*℥*.
Summa of the cherches goods that remaynes at this contes. x*℥*l. xvs. j*℥*.
Paid to Robart Clerk xij*℥*l., and to Loward ij*℥*.
Comes Hille and Harper and are chossen wardens for this yere by al the parresch.
delyvered to them xlv*℥*s.
So remaynes in the Box of stock ix*℥*l. xvs. save ob.
There is left of the ded money at this cont. xlv*℥*s. j*℥*.

PAGE 3.

Anno mccccxvii. i.e., 1477-8 for 1476-7.

Acoutes y made of parresche cherch of Corscomb, the last day of Janever in said yer
by John Hille and John Harper, Wardence.
Comes Richard Downe and presents in of the gyfte of Marget Medamer for shep . . . xij*℥*.
Jone Fenton at her det gaf to our lady a ryng gylt.
Item, of the gyfte of John Smythe to the cherche xij*℥*.
It. John Taillor, weber, gaf to the cherche xij*℥*.
It. Of the gyfte of Maud Malleway sylver ryng gylt and a token gyrdel of sylver.
It. of the gyfte of Annes Gybons 1 sylver rynge gylte.
John Malleway, the yonger iijs. iv*℥*.
Thomas Webb of Chew xij*℥*.
John Malleway, the elder, 4 wedors, sold for vijs. iv*℥*.
John Nelle 1 gowne of grene in keypyng of the wardence.
Comes William Branche and presents in of Synt Myghel money vijs. v*℥*l., which he
takes ayen in his owne keypyng.
Comes yong men William Coggan and Nicol Edmonds and presents in of old and
new (and a candelstok in the peler (pillar) next the fonte which cost ijs. j*℥*l.),
vijs., and the wax paid. So remayns in ther hands agen ijs. j*℥*.
Comes William Coggan and presents in of the Kyng's revell xxs.
Comes hoglers and presents in of old and new (tropenell and harper) iijs. viij*℥*.
they have received agen in stoke ijs. Costrell hath hit.
Comes the Webers, Harry Mew and Thomas Symonds, and present in of old and new
xvii*℥*l. ob. they received ayen in stoke xij*℥*.
Comes Tokers, Roger Morris and William Bramber, and presents of old and new
ijs. ij*℥*l.—they have received the stoke ayen xij*℥*.
Received of Sowthmore for fellok's i*℥*s.

¹ Materials.

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Janever No. mccccxxvii. i.e., Jan. 1477-8 for 1476-7.

Comes the maydence Marget Smyth and Jone Bayle and presents in, of old and new,
 al things lowed ix*s.* vij*d.*
 herof moste be abated for wax and makyng i*js.* vj*d.* ob.
 So is cler vijs. ob.—delyvered to them ayen i*js.* vj*d.*
 Comes Maister John and presents in that he hath of Synt Collas lyght, al things paid xij*d.*
 Comes Hill and Harper¹ and presents in of pascal money, that they gadered on
 Ester day vijs. ix*d.*
 Ther remaynes of the dede money in the box this yere xxxix*s.* viij*d.*
 The money of the Croke this yere iij*l.* xs.
 It. allowed to Harper for his labour vs. and for kepyng of the croke xx*d.*
 Summa vjs. viij*d.*
 John Yeng hath in his hands of the Cherche lede one cwt. dim. iiijlb.
 The somma of al the Cherche goods at this acombt xiv*l.* xiv*s.*
 Comes John Hille and John Harper agen, and are chossen for this yere folloying
 wardence by al the parrasch—delyvered to them same time xls. So re-
 maynes xij*l.* xiijs. j*d.*

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No. mccccxxviii. i.e., 1478-9 for 1477-8.

Acountes y made of the parrausch cherche of Corscomb the first day of March in
 forsaid year by John Hille and John Harper, Wardence of the Cherche for the yere past.

Comes John Hille and bryngs in the gyfte of:—

Maister John Towker	vjs. viij <i>d.</i>	Annes Clerke, ryng, kerchef and aporn.
Nicol Edmonds	xx <i>d.</i>	Thomas Blower, 1 vyolet long gowne
Joyce (son)	xvj <i>d.</i>	² in grayne, a ryng gold with a
Hugh Pendleton	iv <i>d.</i>	torcas ³ and a kerchief of ⁴ sypers
John Williams	iv <i>d.</i>	to make a corporas.
John Abbot	iv <i>d.</i>	Thomas Loward, a ⁵ chepe, pris
Harrison (fadour)	iv <i>d.</i>	Honnethron a ⁶ newe, pris
William May, an ewer, bras.		Water Crowtecote
Water Loware, a tokyng shere.		vjs. viij <i>d.</i>
		Margere Hoper, 1 sylver ryng.

There is in sylver ryngs in al xvj., of which are taken owte ij. to selle.

It. there be ij golde ryngs, that were Dangvyis and Isabel Blowers.

The money of the Croke of this yere is iij*l.* iij*d.*

¹ Wardens. Their election is not noted at the last audit, but their re-election is in this. The allowance to Harper, vs., is for some costly trouble, not a salary. This would have been shared by both.

² I.e., dyed before weaving.

³ Turquoise.

⁴ Cyprus silk for a corporas cloth. "Cyprus-lawn."—Milton.

⁵ Sheep.

⁶ An ewe.

Received of Richard Sowthmore for Felloks house rent of yere past xivs.
Comes Harper and presents of the Kyng's revell of thes yere past xiijs. jd.
whereof was stole away ijs. vijd. So remaynes cler xs. vijd.

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Comes H. and H. Wardenes and bryng in a bille of expence of this yere past lvijs. ix^d.
Whereof rebate that Hille had at the begyneng xls. Rest to the Wardenes
xvijs. ix^d. paid them, so quits herof.
It. Alsone Móre oweth for the wast of the torches for her husband, xlb. price vs. a
syned (assigned) the wardence the same vs. in the xls. that they have in stoke.
Comes Hille and Harper and presents in of the gaderyng on Ester day for paskall and
fonte taper vjs. x^d.
Comes Water Mayow² and Jone his wife, and have gyf in to the cherche for the
ryngeng of Courfu for ever more so much londs as shall be in valew of ivs. rent
yerly.
Comes Hille and Harper and presents a grene gowne of the gyfte of John A'Walkeden.
Comes William Branch and presents in of Synt Meghel light vijs. v^d. which remaynes
in his hands.
Comes yong men William Coggan and his felow and presents in ijs. ix^d. to Edward
Bolle (Bull) a stok xij^d.
Comes Hoggelers, Tropaenell and Harper, and presents in ijs. jd. delyvered to them
ayen ijs.
Harry Mew hath bought John A'Walkedences gowne for xvij^d.
Comes the Webers Harry Mew and Thomas Symones and presents in old and new
xxjd. delyvered them ayen xij^d.
Comes the Tokeres, Roger Morrys and William Branche, presents in of old and new
ijs. They have received the stoke ayen xij^d.
Comes the Maydenace and presents in of old and new ijs. clere. delyvered to Annes
Beke ayen ijs.
Comes Plente and cnowth (acknowledges) hym dettar to the Cherche for his servant xx^d.
Sold to Richard Maudley the gowne that was Thomas Blowes for xiijs. iv^d.

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Item. alowed Harper for his wage for keypyng of the Croke, vjs. viij^d.
It. ther remayns of the dede money in the box cler xxxiijs.
Summa of al the cherch goods³ at this count xvjd. xviijs. x^d. ob.
It. the parson hath bought John Nelles gowne for ijs. paid.
Summa du (i.e., to parish) xvij^d. js. x^d. ob.
Comes John Harper and William Branch and ar chossen for Wardence for this yere
comyng.
Delyvered to them in stoke xls.—so remains xvj^d. js. x^d. ob.

¹ Torches kept by the wardens to serve at funerals.

² The Mayows were people of substance, probably of the parish; see W.M.'s gifts, 1480-1 and 1483-4.

³ The inventory was no doubt produced in vestry at the transfer to the new wardens, but its loss forbids our knowing what was included in "Church-goods"—probably not vestments, but only such things as had been given to sell for the maintenance of the fabric and service.

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No. mccccxxix. Feb. 4, 1479-80 for 1478-9.

Acont y made of the barrerch of Corscomb the iiij day of ffeverer in said yere by William Branch and John Harper, Wardence for the yere past.

Comes Branch and bryngs in of the quest (*i.e.*, bequest) of Water Bigge. xij*l*.

It. a cloth of holland for the hye auter of the gyfte of bischop Bekenton (*i.e.*, his executors).

It. received of Richard Sowthamore for fylloks house iv*s*.

It. Branch brought in for the ij. sylver ryngs that he had to selle i*j*s. iv*d*.

It. (Branch) paid of the croke money of this yere past lvii*s*. vii*l*d. ob.

It. paid to Branche for wasscheng of vestments and sorplers ii*j*s.

It. of the gyfte of phelpot troge by the hands of John Hille v*j*s. vii*l*d.

Comes the maidence and presents cler of this yere with stoke ii*j*s.

Delyver hem ayen (Annes Beke and Isabel Hoper) i*j*s. for stock.

Comes Harry Mew and Thomas Symens and presents in xx*d*.

Delyvered them in stoke ayen xij*d*.

Comes Richard Branch, Roger Morys and presents in i*j*s. i*j*d.

Delyvered them in stoke ayen xij*d*.

Comes the wardence, Branch and Harper, and bryng in a byll of dyverse cost of the cherche, as it aperes by ther bill ix*l*. xii*j*s. iv*d*.

Ther remaynes of sed money in the box ther xxv*j*s. v*j*d.

The somma of the money clere in stok in the churchē is x*j*l. vi*s*.

Comes William Branch and Harper, and are chosen for this yere comyng.

delyvered to them in stok xls. So remanes in box ix*l*. v*j*s.

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mcccclxxx. *i.e.*, Jan. 13, 1480-1 for 1479-80.

Aconts y made of the parrasch of Corscomb, the xiiijth day of Janever, yn ye seyde yere by William Branche and John Harper, wardenes, for the yere past.

The said Wardence bryng in a harnest gyrdel of the quest of Elner (Eleanor) Tyler, bukul and pendant, and xij barres blake torfft.¹

It. of the gyft of Maude Gardener x*s*s., and a golde ryng wayeng xv*j*s. vii*l*d.

It. received of Richard Sowthemor for Fyllok's House iv*s*.

It. rec. of the Croke-money for the yere past lv*s*. vi*j*d.

It. paid to Harper for his labour in the cherche and croke v*j*s. vii*l*d.

Comes the Maydens and presents clere of this yere with stoke iv*s*. vii*l*d.

Delyvered to Jone Hill (Mor's servant). i*j*s. in stoke.

Comes Harry Mew and Thomas Symens and presents in i*j*s.

Delyvered to Mew ayen in stoke xij*d*.

Comes Branch and Roger Morrys and presents in i*j*s. j*d*.

Delyvered to John Costrell ayen in stoke xij*d*.

Comes the Wardence and bryng a bylle of dyverse costs for the cherche as it aperes be ther bille xl*v*s. i*j*d

¹ Taffeta.

Ther remaynes of ded money in the box clere xxs. save jd. ob.
 Therefore the money clere in the stoke of the cherche is xiiij.
 Comes Roger Morris and William Branch and are chosson for this yer Wardence.
 delyvered to them in stoke iv.
 So remaynes in the box ix.
 Also, Water Mayow hath gyf and granted to the parresch yerly for ever to the fyndyng
 of the lamp to four (before) the hey Auter vjs. viij. yerly.

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No. mccccxxxi. i.e., Audit, Saturday after Epiphany, 1481-2 for 1480-1.

A countes y made of the parresche cherk of Corscombe, the Saturday next after xijth
 day in forsaid yere by Roger Morris and William Branch, Wardence for the past.
 First the Wardence presents in of the gyfte of Annes Down, modor xij.
 It. same Wardence present in more of gyfte of John Tailor, Dyndo (Dinder) xij.
 It. Rich. Southmore for Fellok's ijs.
 It. the Croke-money this year is iij. vs. xd.
 Comes the maidens and present in clere of this yer past noght yet.
 Comes Harry Mew and Thomas Symons (weavers) and present in nought.
 Comes John Costrell, Edward Boull, and presents in iijs. iv.
 delyvered to John Costrell ayen for next yere xx.
 Comes Hoggelers, Thomas Costrell and his felaschep (fellowship), presents in iijs. iv.
 del. to Costrell ayen in stoke ijs. ij.
 Comes the yonglens¹ and presents in bolles (Bull's) hands of owed ij year past ijs. vd.
 Comes yonglens and presents in Rich. Costrell's hands, and Rich. Bolles for two yers vjs. xd.
 Comes John Halse and Roger Morris for Roben Hod's revel, presents in xls. iv.
 Comes William Champion and presents in of levyng (levying) of the grate belle vjs. xd.
 Comes William Branch, and presents that he hath in his kepyng of the yere last past.
 Richard Costrell ryng the same yere and Jone Mede² xxvis. viij.

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Comes in W. Branch and presents that he hath in his hands of Synt Meghelles lyght for ij yere clere		ivs.
Cost of Church house.	{ Comes the Wardence, Roger Mors and W. Branch, and bryng a Bille for making of the Cherk house of the costs in their tyme.	
	{ ffirst paid to the carpenter Bedford	iv. xixs.
	{ It. paid to the massons, Horman and his felaschip	v. xixs. vd. ob.
	{ It. they have paid for dyverse thyngs for cherche nede, as hit aperes by their bille	xlivs. jd.
	{ Summa hereof	xiiij. ijs. xjd. ob.
	{ Whereof they have received at ij times	xij.
	{ So is rest to said Wardens	xxijs. xjd. Paid them the said rest.

¹ Younglings used in *Spenser* for lads.

² Their wedding-ring, probably—an offering made to the church after the wife's death.

It. Water ¹Mayow hath paid for the yere past for the lamp vjs. viij*d*.
 It. He hath paid More for Corfu ryngeng i*vs*.
 It. ther remens of the dede money in the boxe (parson and lyght paid) xiijs. v*d*.
 It. paid to Branche for his ²labour in the cherche, and kepyng of the Croke vjs. viij*d*.
 It. gyf to Branch for his labour and tendens of the Cherche house iijs. iii*d*.
 Rest remaynes in the box of cherche money xxx*vs*. iv*d*. and xxijs. iv*d*. and more xls. iv*d*.
 Roben Hode money, Summa al v*l*. ijs. viij*d*.
 Comes W. Branch and William Wynsor, and are chossen for this yere comyng wardens.
 delyvered to them iiij*l*. vjs. viij*d*., and viij*d*. delyvered to Will. Toyt for lyghts.
 Rest due in the box, al thyngs content xxx*vs*.
 It. remayns in John Joyse hands for John Yeng, lede vjs. v*d*.

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No. mccciii ii. Jan. 25th, 1482-3 for 1481-2.

A countes made of the parysch church of Coscomb a Synt Powell (Paul's) day in the forsayd year by W. Branch and William Wyndylsor, Wardeynes for the yere past.

First the Wardeynes present in of the gefte of Agnys Bygg a ryng of sylver, same gylte.

It. presents of the gefte of the Lady Schefton a ryng of gold with a ruby.

It. presents of the gefte of John Dyte a ryng of selver and a kerchew.

It. recd. . . of Water Mayow to helpe to a boxe xxx.
 reste in the boxe.

Comys (comes) the maydyngs presents in for this year nowgte.

Comys Harry Mew and Thomas Symonys and presents nowgte.

Comys J. Costrell and E. Bole and presents in iijs. v*d*.
 delyvered to John Costrell x*xd*.

Comys yonge nien and presents in iijs. viij*d*.
 delyvered ayen to Rychard at Wyll the stoke xij*d*.

Comys W. Branch and presents in that he hath in hys hande of olde and newe for

Synt Mychaell vjs.

Hoglers went not⁴ this yere.

Comys in the Wardenys Bronche and his felow and bryngys in a byll xxixs. ix*d*. ob.

Comys Wyndylsor and bryngys in a byll of his costs iiij*l*. xviijs. viij*d*.

All payd and quyte (quit).

Also Rychard Downe and oweth⁵ for a kow of quest of his dowgters vjs. viij*d*.

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It. remaynes of the dede money, the parson and lygte paid vijs. j*d*. ob.

It. R. Sowthmore for Fylloks i*vs*.

Comys Robin Hode and presents in xxxiijs. iv*d*.

¹ This benefactor has not yet found an endowment for his pledged support of lamp and curfew. He therefore pays in cash. See note p. 11.

² Not as Warden, but as Keeper of the Croke or some other charge.

³ The letters *xx* written over thus denote scores, which must be multiplied by the units below them. The same remark applies to the *£* for a hundred.

⁴ *I.e.*, did not go in procession and revel; hence no collection.

⁵ *I.e.*, settles the price, and acknowledges the debt.

The Croke money this yere is iij^l.
 Paid to Bronch for his labour tendyng to the Church and croke vjs. viij^d.
 Comys W. Bronch and John Cornysh and are chosyn for thys yere wardynys ; de-
 lyvered to them xls.
 So reste in the box of the church money iv^l. xvij^s. xd.

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No. Dm. m iiii iiii ij. Audit, Jan. 17, 1483-4 for
 1482-3.

A cont made of parrach church of Corscomb the xvij day of Janever in the yere afore-
 said by Will. Branche and John Cornyche, Wardens for the yere past.

First, the wardens present in of the gyft of Iset Cooke a kerchef and iij^l. in money.

It. they present more of the gyft of Wyst of the ham¹ xij^d.

Rd. Sowthmore oweth for the house called felloks for the yere past iij^s.

Comes Harry Mew and Thomas Symonds and presents nought.

Comes John Costrell and Ed. Bolle and presents in clere iij^s. iv^d.
 delyvered to John Costrell xx^d. in stoke.

Comes Ric. Willes and Ric. Maudley and presents injs. v^d.
 delyvered Ric. Willes ayen in stoke xij^d.

Comes the madens, Halses and Hilles, and presents in clere ix^s. vj^d.

Comes the hoggelers and presents in clere iv^s. iv^d.
 delyvered to Harry Mew same time ij^s.

Ric. Willes was Roben Hode, and presents in for yere past xxij^s.

Alles Abbot hath bought an old Sauter (psalter) for ij^s. Whereof she hath paid xx^d.

Rest iij^l., that she oweth.

It. of the gyft of Water Mayow to the cherche werkes v^l. which he asyned (assigned)
 shuld be paid of Horryngdon and of lond that he lent tords the purchessyng of
 Horryngdon oute of the Kyng's Hands.²

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It. there was of the croke money in the boxe of the yere past xlvij^s. viij^d. ob.

W. Branch hath in his hands of Synt Meghel's money of old vjs., and more encrest
 this yere xx^d.

¹ Ham, a large wood and farm in Pilton, but close to Croscomb.

² In 1548 the Commissioners of Edward VI. report, that the Guild or Fraternity of Corscombe were possessed of lands at East Horrington, with the free Chapel there, of which they held the advowson ; also of lands in Wilts, and of houses, &c., in Shepton, by gift of Walter Mayow and wife ; valued altogether at xxvij^l. vjs. viij^d. nett, per ann.

The Guild was founded to maintain four priests (two of whom survived), one of whom should minister in East Horrington Chapel ; also to maintain an annual obit with perpetual light in Croscombe Church for W. Mayow, and for nightly ringing of the curfew ; also to pay viij^d. for repair of two almshouses ; and vij^d. for relief of the poor.

The property at East Horrington had belonged to the Palton family. The whole of the endowments were seized by the Crown, and granted to lay owners.

"The King's hands" were probably the Royal Escheator's, demanding payment for a license to convey the land in mortmain.

summa	vijs. viij <i>℥</i> .
Of dede money left of last yere save over	vijs. j <i>℥</i> . ob.
paid there of to the parson	vs.
and paid to Branch for wax and makyng	xviij <i>℥</i> .
So rest at present	vij <i>℥</i> . ob.
Paid to Branch for xij lb. wax and makyng	vijs. iv <i>℥</i> . ob.
and for wasshyng ijs. viij <i>℥</i> . summa	ixs. ob.
and for skorrying (scouring) of candelstecks	xij <i>℥</i> .
Branch hath in his hands of Ester gaderyng for paskall and font tapur clere	vs. xj <i>℥</i> .
Branch hath of the wyfes ¹ dansyng in his hands	vjs.
Paid to Branch for his labour and kepyng of croke	vjs. viij <i>℥</i> .
It. there is in money redy lefte	xxxvjs.
and in Branch hands	lijs. j <i>℥</i> .
and in Madeley's hands and Hille's	v <i>℥</i> .
Whereof paid to Toyte	vij <i>℥</i> .
Paid to Branch and Cornysch iij <i>℥</i> . by me Ric. Maudley of said money, and Hill most pay xls. save ix <i>℥</i> .	
Rest in rey (ready) money with ivs. in Sowthmore hands	xxxixs. iij <i>℥</i> .
Comes William Branch and John Halse for wardens for the yere comyng. delyver them the foresaid	xls.

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A.D. Mill cccc iiii iiii. *i.e.*, Jan. 8, 1484-5 for 1483-4.

A cont made of the parach church of Corscomb the viij day of January in the yere aforesaid by William Bronche and John Halse, wardens of the yere past.

Firste the wardeynys present in the yefte of Ric. Tropnell	vjs. viij <i>℥</i> .
It. John Perys of hame (Ham)	vij <i>℥</i> .
Thomas Paty oweth for William Pew ys gyfte to the church	vjs. viij <i>℥</i> .
Ric. Sothmor oweth for the hows callyd Vylloks for thys yere past	iijs.
Comys Harry Mew and Thomas Symons and presents in nowgte.	
Comys John Costrell and Edward Bole and presents in	ijs. xj <i>℥</i> .
delyvered to John Costrell	xx <i>℥</i> .
Comys yong men and presents nowgte.	
Comes the maydyngs and presents in	xvjs. iij <i>℥</i> . ob.
It. therof is payd to Bronch for xlb. wax and the makyng	vjs. iv <i>℥</i> .
Comys the hogglers and presents in	ivs. j <i>℥</i> . ob.
So reste	iijs. vj <i>℥</i> . ob.
delyvered to Harry Mew	ijs.
Comys Robyn Hode and presents in	xxijs. viij <i>℥</i> .
It. there was of the croke money in the boxe of this yere past	xlijs. viij <i>℥</i> .
It. the creyse (increase) of the paskall	ivs. vj <i>℥</i> .
It. for a ryng that was sold	vij <i>℥</i> .
It. Rychard Down for a kow of the yfte ² of his dowgter	vjs. viij <i>℥</i> .

¹ The only instance of the matrons' revel and contribution.

² *I.e.*, gift : given in 1482.

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It. rest of the dede money	xjd.
It. payd to Bronch for kepyng of the cloke ¹	iijs.
It. for wayschyng of the church gare (gear)	vs. iiijd.
It. I payd to Toyte	xijd.
It. payd to Bronch for hys labur	vjs. viiij.
It. for skowryng of the kandylstyks	xvj.
So reste of the hole money	xl. vjs. jd.
It. more John Hyll hath on hys hond to pay of Horyngdon ² money	xls. save ix.
Comys Wyllyam Bronch and John Boklond for wardens of thys yere comyng, and ys delyveryd to them	xls.
So rest of the stoke	iiij. vjs.

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A.D. mccccxxxv. *i.e.*, Jan. 14, 1485-6 for 1484-5.

A cont made of the parish church of Corscomb the xiiij day of Januar in the yere afor sayde by Wyllyam Bronch and John Boklonde, Wardaynes of the yere past.

First the Wardeyns comys in and presents in of the yefte of John Baker of Lamport

(Langport) a gold rynge iijs. iiij.

It. of the yeft of Sir Wyllyam Costrell a sirpalys (surplice) iijs. iiij.

Also presents of the yefte of John Mallway a harnayst gurdyll with a ray-corse³ and a ryng of selver.

Also of the yeft of Alys Sothemore, a ryng of sylver.

Also of the yefte of John Smyth, a ryng of sylver.

Also of the yefte of John Madokoke viij.

Thomas Paty owyth for the yeft of Wyllyam Pew vjs. viij.

Rychard Down for a cow of the yefte⁴ of his dowgter vjs. viij.

Comys the Wefeyrs (Weavers) Harry Mew and Thomas Symons and presents vij.

Comys Rychard Sothemore payth the rent of Vylloks iijs.

Comys the Tokers John Costrell and Edward Bole and presents ijs. viij.

delyvered to John Costrell a stoke xvij.

Comys the yong men John May and Richard Mowle and presents in for the yere past and thys yere viijs. ij.

So a batyde (abated) for wax and makyng of the lygth xvij.

delyvered a stoke to John May and Rychard Mowle xiiij.

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Comys Wyllyam Bronch and presents in for the font tapyr and the pascall vjs. viij.

Comys the hoggelers and presents in vjs. ij.

delyveryd a stoke to Bronch ijs.

Comys the maydyns and presents in xvijs. iv.

delyveryd to Bronch a stoke iijs. iv.

¹ The first notice of a clock.

² To repay Walter Mayow's Loan. See p. 11.

³ Striped bodice attached to girdle.

⁴ See 1482-3.

It. there was of the croke money of thys yere past	ivl. ijs. xjd.
Comyss Wyllyam Bronch and presentyth in of Synt Mychaell croke	ivs.
So reste in Bronch ys honde.	
Comys Wyllyam Bronch and John Buklonde and delyveryth xxvijs. <i>vd.</i> of the xls. that was delyveryd to them (<i>i.e.</i> , for stock) the last yere, and all thyngs ys made clere rekenyng.	
To Wyllyam Bronch for kepyng of the cloke	iijs.
It. for his labor	vjs. viijd.
It. for wayschyng of the cherche gar	vs. iiijd.
It. for skowryng of the candylstye	xvj.
It. to Wyllyam Toyte for hys labor	xij.
So reste of all the hole stoke	xiz. xvis.
Comys Wyllyam Bronch and John Carter for Wardaynes of thys yere comyng and ys delyvered to them	xls.

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A.D. mccccxxxvi. *i.e.*, Jan., 1486-7 for 1485-6.

A cont made at parych chyrch of Coscomb the xx day of January in the year afor sayd by Wyllyam Bronch and John Carter, wardaynes of the yere paste.

Fyrst the Wardynys commys and presents in

Thomas Paty owyth for the yefte of Wyllyam Pew	vjs. viijd.
Rychard Down for a cow of the yefte of his dowgter	vjs. viijd.
It. they presents of the yefte of Mayster John Wylton	vij.
It. of the yefte of Wyllyam Kogan	xxd.
It. of the yefte of Alys Frawnceys, a ryng of selver, and of money	ivd.
It. of the yeft of Robert Smyth	viij.
Do. Wyndelsor's servant	iiij.
Do. Rys Costrell's servant	iiij.
Do. Robert Browne, a sawter (psalter) and	iiij.
Do. John May	xij.
Do. Alys Bronch	iiij.
Do. John Joce ys servant	iiij.
Do. John Champyon	vjs. viij.
Do. Alys Tafe ij rynges, and	iiij.
Do. John Champyon to the bellys ¹	vjs. viij.
Do. John Browne of Ham	xvj.
Do. Robert Smyth to the bellys	xij.

Comys Robyn Hode, Wyllyam Wyndylsor, and presents in for the yere paste iijl. vjs. viijd. ob.

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Comys the maydynys and presents in	xvijs. ivd.
Comys the hoggelers and presents in	iijs. xd.
delyveryd a stoke to Rychard at Wyll	ijs.
The Croke money ys	iijl. xivs. ijd.
Comys the tokers and presents	iijs.

¹ Bells.

Whych remaynyt in Rycharde Costrel ys hand and Edward Bole.	
Comys Rycharde Sothemore and payth the rent of Vyrloxys	iijs.
Comys Bronch and payth the paschall money	vij <i>℥</i> .
To Bronch for hys labor	vjs. viij <i>℥</i> .
It. for waschyng of the Chyrch gar	vs. iiij <i>℥</i> .
It. for skowryng of candylstyke	xvj <i>℥</i> .
It. to Toyte for hys labor	xij <i>℥</i> .
So reste of all the hole stoke, and all things clere	ix <i>℥</i> . xvjs. j <i>℥</i> .
Comys Wyllyam Bronch and Rycharde Vowlys for Wardenys of thys yere commyng, and delyveryd to them	xl <i>℥</i> .

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A.D. mcccclxxxvii. i.e., Jan. 12, 1487-8 for 1486-7.

A cont made at the parysch Cherch of Corscomb the xij day of January in the ere a for sayde by Wyllyam Bronch and Rycharde Vowlys, Wardayns of the ere paste.	
Fyrst the wardayns commys and presents in of the [ere] paste.	
Thomas Paty owyth for a kow of the yefte of Wyllyam Pewe, price	vjs. viij <i>℥</i> .
Rycharde Down for a cow of the yefte of hys dowgter, price	vjs. viij <i>℥</i> .
John a Dene owth for the yfte of hys syster iij selver sponys	xx <i>℥</i> . in money.
It. of the yefte of Rycharde a Mawdeley	iijs. iiij <i>℥</i> .
It. of the yefte of Wyllyam Yrysch, servant of Wyllyam Champyon	iijs. iiij <i>℥</i> .
It. the yfte of Yevayn Thomas	xij <i>℥</i> .
It. of the yefte of Wyllyam Kogan	
Do. Harry Hoper	v <i>℥</i> .
Do. Davy a Powell	iiij <i>℥</i> .
Do. Crystyon Cornish a ryng of sylver	vjs. viij <i>℥</i> . money.
It. to the bellys	xij <i>℥</i> .
Comys the maydonys and present in	xxijs.
delyveryd to	
Comys the hogglers and presents in	vs.
delyveryd to Rycharde att Wyll	ijs.
Croke money	iiij <i>℥</i> . xvijs. x <i>℥</i> . ob.
Comys Tokers and presents in	iijs. v <i>℥</i> .
delyveryd to Rycharde Costrell and Edward Bole	xx <i>℥</i> .

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Comys vefers [weavers] and presents in nowgte.	
Comys yong men and presents in	iijs. iiij <i>℥</i> .
So rest in Rycharde Browne ys honds and Thomas Hewys.	
Comys Rycharde Sothemore and bryngs in rent of Vylloks	iijs.
Comys Wyllyam Bronch and presents in of the paschall	vjs. ij <i>℥</i> . ob.
To Bronch for hys labor	vjs. viij <i>℥</i> .
It. for waschyng of the Chyrch gar [gear]	vs. iiij <i>℥</i> .
It. for skowrynge of candylstyks	xvj <i>℥</i> .
It. payd to Wyllyam Toyte	xij <i>℥</i> .

Comys Wylliam Bronch and presents in of Synt Mycaell money	vjs.
So restyth in hys hands of the olde money by for [before] and this yere	viijs. xd.
It. payd to Willyam Bronch for wax to the hy ¹ crose and making withall	iijs. xd.
It. payd to Wylliam Bronch for kepyng of the cloke	iiijs.
It. payd to Harry Mew for kepyng of the croke	xd.
It. payd to Wylliam Bronch	xd.
So rest and all thyngs content in money on the stoke of thys yere	ixl. xjs. vjd.
Comys Wylliam Bronch and John Dunpayn for Wardayns of thys yere comyng and delyveryd to them	iijl. xs. of the same mony.

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A.D. mccccxxxviii. *i.e.*, Jan. 19, 1488-9, for 1487-8.

A cont y made at the parysh chyrch of Corscomb the xix day of January in the yere
afor saide by Wylliam Bronch and John Dunpayn, Wardenys of the yere past.

[The three first entries of Paty, Down, and John a Dene are identical with those of last
year.]

It. of the yfte of John Merke a ryng of sylver, and of money	xijd.
Do. „ John Wasyn a ryng of sylver and a kerchew.	
Do. „ Davy Uphavel	iiijd.
Comys the maydyns and presents in	xxs. iiijd.
delyveryd to Elenor Boklonde for the stoke	iijs.
Comys the hoggelers and presents in	vs.
delyvered to R. att Wyll for the stoke	ijs.
The Croke money	iijl. xvs.
Comys Tokers and presents in	iijs.
delyveryd to R. Costrell and Edward Bole	xxd.
Comys the Wefers and presents in nowgte.	
Comys yong men and presents in	iijs. ivd.
dilyveryd to Edwarde Windsore for the stoke	xxjd.

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Comys Sothemore and bryngs rent of Vylloks	iijs.
Comys W. Bronch and presents in of the paschall	iijs. jd.
Do. do. do of Synte Mychaell money	
Comys Robyn Hode and presents in ²	iijl. vijs. viijd.
To Bronch for his labor	vjs. viijd.
It. for waschyng of Chyrch clothys	vs. iiijd.
It. for skowryng of candylstyks	xvjd.
It. for wax to the rode-lofte ³	ijs. xjd.
It. for kepyng of the cloke	iijs.
It. for kepyng of the Croke	xxd.
It. to Wylliam Toyte	xijd.

¹ "High." It stood on the rood-loft with lights burning before it. It was the most elevated and conspicuous devotional object in the church.

² An extraordinary effort.

³ Earliest mention.

It. to Wyllyam Bronch	xij <i>℥</i> .
It. payd to Thomas Rogg for pleyng at orgons ¹	iijs. iiij <i>℥</i> .
So reste and all thyngs content in money in the stoke of this yere	xj <i>℥</i> . vijs.
Restyth more of the Tokers lygth in Bronch ys honds	ijs. iiij <i>℥</i> .
Comys W. Bronch and John Honythorne for Wardens of thys yere folowyng and ys dyllyveryd to them	ii <i>℥</i> . vjs. viij <i>℥</i> .
So restyth in the stoke	viij <i>℥</i> . iiij <i>℥</i> .

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A.D. mccccxxxix, i.e., Jan. 16, 1489-90 for 1488-89.

A cont y made at the parysch chyrch of Corscomb the xvj day of January in the yere aforsayd by W. Bronch and J. Honythorne [&c.].

Thomas Paty oweth of the yfte of W. Pewe	vjs. viij <i>℥</i> .
resevyd hereof	vs.
John a Dene [as before].	

It. of the yfte of Syr John Comb, parson of Corscomb a grette maser with a ston.

It. of the yfte of Syr John Camell ij powchys of felewote [velvet], one of rede felewote and another of blake, and ij stonys of sylver and gylde.

It. of the yfte of John Hille a synat [signet] of sylver and a tuell [towel] of twyllly.

It. of the yfte of Edyth Calow	viij <i>℥</i> .
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It. of the yfte of Edward Perys xij <i>℥</i> . and to the bellys	viij <i>℥</i> .
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It. of the yfte of John Crytyon	xij <i>℥</i> .
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Comys the maydyns and presents in	xxiij <i>℥</i> . iv <i>℥</i> .
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Wer of they have payd for wax and makyng	iiij <i>℥</i> .
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delyveryd to W. Bronch a stoke	iiij <i>℥</i> .
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Comys the hoggelers and presents in	vjs. ij <i>℥</i> . ob.
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Delyveryd to Rychard att Wyll a stoke	ij <i>℥</i> .
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Comys the Tokers and presents in	iiij <i>℥</i> . v <i>℥</i> .
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delyveryd to Edward Bole a stoke	xx <i>℥</i> .
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Comys the Wefars and present in nowgte.

Comys the yong men and presents in	iiij <i>℥</i> . v <i>℥</i> .
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delyveryd to Rogger More	xx <i>℥</i> .
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Comys R. Sothemore and brings in rent of Vylloks	iiij <i>℥</i> .
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Croke money	v <i>℥</i> . vs. x <i>℥</i> .
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Comys W. Bronch and presents in of the pascall	iiij <i>℥</i> .
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[To W. Bronch, washing, candelsticks, cloke and croke, and W. Toyte as usual.]

It. to Thomas More for pleyng at orgenys	vjs. viij <i>℥</i> .
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So rest, etc.	viij <i>℥</i> . x <i>℥</i> .
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W. Bronch and Water Jonys chosen wardens.

Delivered to them	x <i>℥</i> .
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Rest in stoke	v <i>℥</i> . x <i>℥</i> .
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¹ Organ playing mentioned here and once only again, 1489-90. The instrument was probably portable.

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A.D. mccccxxxix. i.e., Jan. 15, 1490-1 for 1489-90.

W. Bronch and Water Jonys, Wardens, Jan. 15.

Th. Paty and John a Dene as usual.

It. of the yfte of Alys Lorayn	xij <i>d</i>
Do. Anys Sterlyng	iiij ryngs of sylver.
Do. Edyth More	j ryng of sylver.
Do. Alys Symons	j ryng of sylver.
Do. Isatt Nett	j ryng of sylver.
Do. More in money	xd.
Comys the maydyns and presentyth in	xxvs.
wher of they have payd vs. for wax	vs.
delyveryd to Elenor Boklonde	iiij <i>s</i> .
Comys the hoggelers and presentyth in	vs. iiij <i>d</i> . ob.
delyveryd to R. att Wyll	ij <i>s</i> .
Comys the Tokers and presentith in	ij <i>s</i> . ix <i>d</i> .
delyveryd to Ed. Bole	xx <i>d</i> .
Comys the Wefars and presentith in nowgte.	
Comys the yong men	ivs. ij <i>d</i> .
delyveryd to John Mawdeley	xx <i>d</i> .
Croke money	iiij <i>l</i> . vs. ij <i>d</i> .

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Comys W. Bronch and presenteth in of the pascall iii*s*. vj*d*.

Comys Robyn Hode and presentith ls.

[Expenses identical with last account.]

So rest all things content xj*l*. xvs.New Wardens W. Bronch and Richard Sugar and receive xls. save ij*d*. and a sengyll
plake.¹

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A.D. mccccxxxix. i.e., Jan. 14, 1491-2 for 1490-1.

T. Paty and John a Dene are as before.

It. of the yfte of Syr John Comb a supplyse.

The Maidens, Elenor Bocklund and Margett Elme bring	xv <i>s</i> . ij <i>d</i> .
E. Bockland receives	iiij <i>s</i> .
The hoggelers	iiij <i>s</i> . ix <i>d</i> .
R. att Wyll receives	ij <i>s</i> .
The Tokers	iiij <i>s</i> . ij <i>d</i> . ob.
E. Bole receives	xx <i>d</i> .
The young men	ii <i>s</i> . viij <i>d</i> .
E. Wyndelsor receives	xx <i>d</i> .
Croke money	iv <i>l</i> . iv <i>s</i> . xj <i>d</i> .

¹ *I.e.*, "a single plack;" or coin.

W. B. presents of the pascall	vjs. xd.
Do. for St. Michael	ijs.
[Expenses identical with the last, only W. Toyte now gets xvjd., and there is no organist paid.]	
Remaining	ixl. vs. iiijd.
W. Bronch and Harry Mew are chosen wardens and receive	xls.

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A.D. mccccxxxii. i.e., Jan. 12, 1492-3 for 1491-2.

T. Paty and J. A. Dene as before.	
The Maidens Johan Bronch and Johan Mew bring	xvijs. iijd.
J. Mew receives	iijs.
The hogglers	iijs. ivd. ob.
R. at Wyll receives	ijs.
The Tokers	ijs. vd.
Ed. Bole receives	xxd.
The young men	vs. ijd.
Ed. Wynser receives	xxd.
Croke money	iijd. vijs. ivd. ob.
W. Bronch brings of the pascall	vs. viijd.
Do. of St. Michaell	vs. jd.
[Expenses as before, only now keeping the croke is omitted.]	
Remaining	ixl. xvs. save jd.
W. Bronch and Richard att Wyll are chosen Wardens and receive	xls.

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A.D. mccccxxxiii. i.e., Jan. 11, 1493-4 for 1492-3.

W. Bronch and Richard att Wyll Wardens.	
T. Paty and J. A. Dene as before.	
It. of the yfte of Johane Tropnell	ijs.
Do. Wyllam Baker	xvjd.
Do. of W. Chompyon ys prentyse	xxd.
Do. Johane ap Rychard	xvjd.
a gown of John Lovell	viijs. viijd.
A kerchew of Margery Phelpe and a ryng of sylver.	
The same of Margett Apendylton.	
A kerchew of Margett Davy ys mayde.	
[The only other receipts mentioned are]:—	
The hogglers	vjs. jd.
Richard Vowles receives	ijs.
The Tokers	iijs.
E. Bole has	xxd.
The young men	vs.
E. Wynsor has	xxd.
W. B. brings for the pascall	
Croke money	iiijl. xijs. vjd.

[This is crossed out.]

The Wardenys owyth to the chyrch for the rent thett browgtyn (Broughton) recevyd
 of W. Wynsor for the chefe¹ rent of my lady ys closis and the almyshowse . iijs. iiijd.
 Remaining xijd.
 The church owed to W. Champion vjs. viijd.

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A.D. mccccxxxiii. i.e., Jan. 10, 1494-5 for 1493-4.

W. Bronch and Edward Bole, Wardens.

T. Paty and J. a Dene as before.

It. Annys Bygge xijd.

It. Annys Weste ijs.

It. Johane Harper, a harneyste gyrdell, with a blew corse.

It. Johane More—a ryng of sylver.

The hogglers bring iijs. vd.

Harry Mew receives ijs.

The Tokers bring ijs. viijd.

E. Bole receives xxd. ob.

The young men.

The Wardeyns presentith in for the pascall viijs. jd. ob.

Croke money vl. vs. vjd.

The Maidens bring xxxvs. ivd.

Elsbete (Elisabeth) Joce and Jone Carter receive xxvjs. vd.

Robyn Hode presents in xlvjs. viijd.

Paid to Harry Mew for keeping the Crok ijs.

Washing and scouring and the clock as usual, and kepyng the cherch viijs.

For mending windows viijs. xjd.

Remains vjd. xs.

W. Bronch and W. Carpynter (incoming Wardens) receive xlvjs. viijd.

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A.D. mccccxxxv. i.e., Jan. 16, 1495-6 for 1494-5.

[First time it is called "Croscombe."]

WILL. BRANCH, WILL. CARPUNTYR, WARDENS.

Itm. of the yefte of Richard Sugar vjs. viijd.

Do. Isabelle Harrysonys Moder xijd.

Do. John Toyt viijd.

The hoggelers bring ijs. viijd. ob.

W. Branch takes ijs. viijd.

The tokers bring ijs. xjd.

E. Boll takes of the same xxd.

The yonge men bring vjs. viijd.

¹ It appears that there was an endowment in land for the altar of the Blessed Virgin, subject to a chief rent (as were the almshouses) payable to the Lord of the Manor. In 1526-7 the lord distrained for this rent.

J. Cartar and J. Phyllyps takes	ij <i>s</i> .
The Mayduns bring	xx <i>vs</i> . iv <i>d</i> .
Delyveryd to W. Carpyntar for the maydyns lygth	iii <i>s</i> .
Croke money	iiij <i>l</i> . xiiij <i>s</i> . j <i>d</i> .
It. resevyd of W. Carpyntar yn mony	xxxvi <i>s</i> . x <i>d</i> .
and in costys viij <i>s</i> . x <i>d</i> ., the sum of all	xlvi <i>s</i> . viij <i>d</i> .
[No new items of expense and no organist.]	
Remains in stoke.	xj <i>l</i> . <i>vs</i> . xj <i>d</i> .
The same are to be wardens for the coming year and receive (<i>i.e.</i> , for a stock)	xl <i>s</i> .
More to Harry Mew of the said sum to by ches ¹ (to buy cheese)	<i>vs</i> . vj <i>d</i> . pay.

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A.D. mccccxxxvi. *i.e.*, Jan. 7, 1496-7 for 1495-6.

Same Wardens.

Rec. of the yefte of Alsun Sugar a gyrdyle and a peyre of beds (beads) with ij ryngs and a crucyfyx.	
Do. of Alsun Sowythmore a peyr of beds of jett with v gawds of sylver and a tuell of dyapper.	
Do. of Isblle Rymon a gold ryng.	
Do. of Jelyan Lovyn ² of Ham a ryng of sylver and gylte.	
Do. Alsun Sugar for her pytt ³	v <i>js</i> . viij <i>d</i> .
Do. Mr. John Mawdlyn for a grav	ii <i>s</i> . iiij <i>d</i> .
Do. Thomas Champyon of Schepton	xx <i>d</i> .
Do. Jelyan Bowly	xij <i>d</i> .
Do. of gaderyng the pascalls	<i>vs</i> . iiij <i>d</i> .
The hoggelers bring	iiij <i>s</i> . ix <i>d</i> .
Richard Vells takes	i <i>s</i> . iiij <i>d</i> .
The tokers bring	ii <i>s</i> . ij <i>d</i> . ob.
E. Boll takes of the same	xx <i>d</i> .
The Mayduns bring	xxvi <i>s</i> . iv <i>d</i> .
The Croke money	iiij <i>l</i> . i <i>s</i> . viij <i>d</i> .
Received of W. Carpyntar in money	xxxij <i>s</i> . ix <i>d</i> .
and in a bill for costs	vi <i>js</i> . iiij <i>d</i> .
[Expenses as last year].	
Remains in stock	iiij <i>l</i> . vi <i>js</i> .
Mem. that the parysch payde for ij coppus (Copes)	xij <i>l</i> . xs.

¹ Mew being keeper of the "Croke," the cheese was probably for the refreshment of the processioners who followed him.

² Julian Lovaine.

³ Pit must mean a grave in the church. The repair of the pavement fell upon the wardens, who regularly charge 6*s*. 8*d*. for the privilege of burial. What is meant by the grave charged 3*s*. 4*d*. does not appear.

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A.D. mcccclxxxvii. *i.e.*, Jan. 13, 1497-8 for 1496-7.¹

The same Wardens.

T. Paty, J. a Dene, Alsun Sugar, A. Southmore, J. Rymon, J. Lovyn, as before.

Itm. of the yefte of Isbella Hylee a peyr of bedds of corell with xvj gawds of sylver
and ovyr gylte and a . . . gurdyll with boculle (buckle) and penant (pen-
dant) of sylver and xix steds (studs) theryn.

Itm. of Master Richard Mawley and Alsun his wife a portooos² called a leger a
grayll and presecioner and ij new corches (kerchiefs) and ther wedyng ryng³ of
gold to our lady.

The hoggelers bring	vjs. vd.
R. Wells takes of the same	ijs. viijd.
The yong men bring	iijs. vd.
R. Jons and W. Hadle take	ijs.
The mayduns bring	xiijs. jd.
W. Branch takes of the same	iijs.
The tokers bring	iijs. vijd. ob.
E. Bole receives of the same.	xxd.
W. Branch brings for the pascall	vs. iijd.
The Croke money	iijl. xiijs.

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[Costs as usual, but the following is a new expression.]

Paid to W. Toyt for tynnyng (tending) of the lyght	xvjd.
Remains in the box clear	iiijl. xivs.
delivered to W. Branch (as incoming warden)	xls.

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A.D. mcccclxxxviii. *i.e.*, Jan. 12, 1498-9 for 1497-8.

W. BRANCH AND JOHN DUNPAYN, WARDENS.

[All the early entries of the last repeated, with the addition to Isabella Hilles of
"a hellyng (covering) of rede and yelowe."]
after R. Mawley and wife's gift.

¹ The numerals used for the headings of these accounts undergo an entire change this year. Thus the page
(36) from which the above extracts are taken is superscribed--

** *Ano. Dm. 1497.* **

The old notation, however, is retained in the *body* of the account; *e.g.*, two lines below the above head
ing:—"yn ye yr of our lord gode MCCCCLXXXVII"

Roman letters for the headings are once more resumed in A.D. M.VC.XX (*i.e.* 1520), p. 67, until Ano. 1548,
p. 110, when the Arabic figures are again employed to the end of 1558, then 1559 and 1560 are written in the
Roman letters.

² Service books. See Glossary.

³ Wedding rings were often given after the death of the wife. In this case both parties being alive, the
ring was probably promised in-reversion.

Itm. of the yeft¹ of my lady Mayowe a gold ryng to our lady, and a nobule for her pytt.
 Do. of Yed (Edward) Vynsent a jetyn (of jet) beds and viij*℥*.
 Do. of Master Wasun a ryng of sylver gelte.
 Do. of Alsun Martemar a ryng of sylver and gylt.

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Do. of John Jons a newe and a lam (an ewe and a lamb).
 The hoglars bring vjs.
 R. Volls receives of the same ijs. viij*℥*.
 The young men bring iijs. jd.
 R. Jons and W. Browne receive of the same ijs.
 The maidens bring xxijs. vd.
 The tokers bring ijs. xjd. ob.
 E. Boll receives of the same xx*℥*.
 W. Branch brings of the pascall vs. ix*℥*.
 Expenses as in the last, including tynying the light.
 The Croke money comes to iv*℥*. ivs. ij*℥*.
 Remains clear vij*℥*. xvijs. xd
 W. Branch and Hew Morgan, the new Wardens, receive xls.

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A.D. mccccxxxix. i.e., Jan. 13, 1499-1500
 for 1498-9. { W. BRANCH.
 HEW MORGAN.

[The early entries, as far as the Mawdley gift, the same as the last.]

Itm. of the yeft of the Vecor (Vicar) of Pylton xij*℥*, viij*℥*. to the bells and iiij*℥*. to our lady.
 Do. John Hache ij ryngs of sylver and ovyr gylt, and a therdyn cerchewe (threaden kerchief).
 Do. of Jerman iv*℥*.
 Do. of Alsun Prystan a ryng of sylver and a myllyde (enamelled).
 Do. of W. Carpyntar 1 lb. of wax and xij*℥*. in money.
 Do. of John Champyon a ryng of sylver and ovyr gylte, and vjs. viij*℥*. for his grave.
 Do. of John Yng and Annys his wife and oyll fatt (oil-vat or vessel) of sylver.
 Do. of my lady Mayow a gold ryng to our lady, and a nobule for her pytt.
 Do. of Yed Vyncent a jettyn bedys and viij*℥*.
 Do. of Master Wassun a ryng of sylver and gylt.
 Also A. Mortemer and J. Jons as in the last.

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The hoglars bring vjs. jd., and take ijs. viij*℥*.
 The maidens xxs. iv*℥*.
 The young men vs. jd., and (take) ijs. The tokars iijs. and (take) xx*℥*.
 The pascall brings vjs. St. Michael Crok xvij*℥*.
 Expenses as usual.

¹ The ring and noble must have been a promise, repeated yearly at the audit. See following years.

Paid to W. Toyt for tynnyng of the lyght and the holy¹ lofe xvjd.
 The Croke money iijl. xvjs vjd.
 Itm. recevyd for vantage (*i.e.*, nett profit) of the crokbred² ijs. ijd.
 There remains clear xls.
 Hugh Morgan and John Derrant, incoming wardens, receive xls.

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A.D. mceccc. *i.e.*, Jan. 16, S. Marcel, Bp. and M.
 1500-1 for 1499-1500.

HUGH MORGAN, JOHN DURRANT, WARDENS.

Itm. of the gyfte of Isabel Toytt a ryng of sylver.
 „ of John Halse to owr lady xijd. and to the Roode xijd. and to the bellys viijd.
 and for his grave vjs. viijd.
 „ of the gyfte of Maister W. Champyun a mass boke of veln (vellum) lymmyde,³
 with claspys of sylver, and a pax of sylver and gylt and anamelled.
 „ of Thomas Costrell to owr lady xxd.
 „ of Maister John Mawdley, for his chyl dys grave iijs. iiijd.
 Sum of the receipts in money xs. iiijd. and a ryng of sylver.
 The pascall produces vijs. viijd. St. Michael's croke xxd.
 Hught Morgan maketh a cownt of xls. recevyd in the yere past as it aperyth by a byll.
 The hogglers bring iijs. vjd., and H. Mew receives ijs. viijd.
 The Towkarys bring iijs., and E. Boll receives xxd.
 The young men bring iijs. iiijd. and J. Ing the younger receives ijs.
 Comyth in Robyn Hode and Lytyll John and presentyth in xvs.
 J. Dunpayn presents of the Croke moneye iijl. xjs. ix d.
 and ther off he ys delyvered to by chys with vjs. viijd.
 Paid to Alice Dunpayn for keypyng of the Croke ijs.
 „ W. Toyt for tyndyng of the lyght and the church loffe xvjd.

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Itm. comyth in Hewight Morghan and bryngeth in for rent of the church londe . . vs. xd.
 Remains in the box xijl. xvijs. viijd.

A.D. mceccci. *i.e.*, Jan. 8, 1501-2 for 1500-1.

HUGHT COLYNS, JOHN DERRANT, WARDENS

First the Wardens present in for the yere past in primis a gold ryng of the gefte of
 Allson Mayner of Wells.

Itm. of the gift of John Dyer of Wyncauntun xs.

¹ The first mention of this general custom. The "panis benedictus" was baked in the Church-house, blessed by the priest, and sold to the people. "Holy Ale" was in some places treated in like manner.

² Was it so called from bearing the sign of the cross? and how differing from the holy loaf?

³ Limned, *i.e.*, illuminated.

Itm. of the gift of Isbell Harryson ij ryngs of sylver and gylte.

„ „ of Master Thomas Morris of Septon a payr of beds of corell of xviij setyn [set] with xxj gawdes of sylver and gylte with gowld ryng and vrinakull.¹

„ of Allsun Lyde a ryng of sylver and gylte.

„ of Master Hymmyford to the bell xij*℥*.

„ of Anys Benat vjs. viij*℥*.

It. ij crowns of sylver and gylt to our lady and a nother to hyr sett [seat] ovyr the vaute [or vante], of the gyfte of J. Ing and his wyfe.

Itm. a manwell [manuel] of the gifte of W. Champyon.

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The hogglers bring iijs. v*℥*.

R. Voll receives ijs. viij*℥*.

The tokers iijs. iiij*℥*.

E. Boll xx*℥*.

The young men vs. iiij*℥*.

R. Bokland ijs.

The maydens xxjs.

Paid of the same for wax and making of the light viijs. viij*℥*.

The wardens bring for the pascall iijs. iiij*℥*.

„ „ S. Michael Croke xv*℥*.

Washing, scouring, kepyng the Croke, as usual.

To W. Toyt for kepyng of y^e lyzthe.

The sum of the Crokmony comyth to with the vantech of the bred lijs.

There remains in the box clear xl. ijs. iiij*℥*.

R. Costrell and John Derrant, incoming wardens, receive xls.

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A.D. mccccii. i.e., Jan. 14, 1502-3 for 1501-2.

The wardens present in

First a ring of silver and gilt the gift of J. Heyman.

„ of Margaret Cornyshe of Wells xij*℥*.

„ of William Anys and his wife a ryng of sylver and xv*℥*.

„ of R. Ellys of Pennarde vjs. viij*℥*.

„ of Yedith (Edith) Bylstone, Anys Donny's sarvant xij*℥*.

„ of Isabelle Wevar, servant to John Bokland a ryng of sylver and viij*℥*.

„ of Margery Wynsor a payr of beds of corall with xvij gawds of sylver and gylt, and ij ryngs of sylver and gylt and vjs. viij*℥*. in mony.

„ of John Honythorn a ryng of sylver and gylt and a synat (signet) of sylver and viij*℥*. in mony.

„ of Anys Downe a gyrdyll with boculle and pennant of sylver and gylt, and v gyngylls [jingles] of sylver hangyn in the pennant, and viij steds of sylver and gylt in the core.²

¹ Qy. Vrinakutt, i.e., vinaigrette.

² The inside ? or the crop or knob which held the studs.

Item of Thomas Symes	iiij <i>℥</i> .
„ of Alson Reve of Dynder	xii <i>℥</i> .
Sum of resayt in money and gefts xviijs. and vij ryngs of sylver.	

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The hoggelers bring	iijs. ix <i>℥</i> .
R. Woll receives	ijs. viij <i>℥</i> .
The tokers bring	ijs.
R. Costrell receives of the same	xx <i>℥</i> .
The young men bring	xlj <i>℥</i> .
R. Bockland of the same	ijs.
The maydyns bring	xvjs.
Jone Knap of the same	iijs.
The Wardens for the pascall	iijs.
„ for S. Michael's Croke	xx <i>℥</i> .
Comyth Robart ¹ Hode and presentyth in	xls.
[Washing, scowring, &c., as usual.]	
This year W. Toyt for "tynning" the light	xvj <i>℥</i> .
The Croke money with the vanteg of the brede	xlvs. j <i>℥</i> .
Remains in the box clear	xvj <i>℥</i> . xvij <i>℥</i> . v <i>℥</i> .
Delivered to the Wardens	xls.

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A.D. mcccciii. i.e., Jan. 13, 1503-4 for 1502-3.

W. BRANCH AND JOHN DYRANT, WARDENS.

The Wardens present first of the yeffte of W. Evans iiij*℥*. to the bells for his fadyrs knyle.²

Of the yeffte of Rd. Brasytar, hys wyvys wedyng ryng and viij*℥*. in money.

„ W. Wynsor	vjs. viij <i>℥</i> .
The hogrars [<i>sic</i>] bring	vs.
R. Voll of the same receives	ijs. viij <i>℥</i> .
The tokers bring	iijs. iiij <i>℥</i> .
R. Costrell of the same receives	xvj <i>℥</i> .
The young men	vs.
Godeall of the same receives	ijs.
The maydens	xvij <i>℥</i> .
To Jone Bronch the hole ageyn.	
St. Michael's Croke	xij <i>℥</i> .
[Keeping the Church, the Croke, washing, &c., as usual.]	
The Croke money with the vantage and all	liiij <i>℥</i> . x <i>℥</i> .
Rests in Dunpayn ys hands for to by ches	vjs. viij <i>℥</i> .
Rests in a stoke in the honds of W. Branch	xvij <i>℥</i> . iiij <i>℥</i> .
And more over in the box of refows ³ money resteth	xis. iiij <i>℥</i> .

¹ Note the change of title. See A.D. 1505.

² A knell to be rung for his father.

³ I.e., refuse, or broken money.

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A.D. mcccciv. i.e., Jan. 12, 1504-5 for 1503-4.

W. BRANCH AND EDWARD WYNSOR, WARDENS.

First the wardens present of the qwest of John Bervu xs.
 „ „ of the quest of Elenor Portar and her wedyng ryng gylt and xij*d*.
 „ „ of the quest of Sevyn Bolloks wyfe of Dynder iiij*d*.
 Itm. that W. Branch hav resevyd of Roger Frawnceys for a ryng xij*d*.
 „ ij ryngs sowlde to Harry Harrysons, the prys ijs.
 „ John Jose a golde ryng, the prys xs. non solvyt.
 The hoglars bring vjs. ij*d*.
 R. Vole receives of the same ijs. viij*d*.
 The tokars bring ijs. xj*d*.
 R. Costrell xiiij*d*.
 The young men vs.
 Goodeall ijs.
 The maidens xiijs.
 No return.

No S. Michael's Crok.

The pascall iijs. vij*d*.

Dunpayn presenteth in for ij tewells.

[Expenses as usual.]

The Croke money with the vantag of the brede xlijs. xj*d*. Presentyd in of the Kyng
 revyll [*i.e.*, the King's Revel] xxiijs. xd. ob.
 that restys yn Master Mawdley ys hondys.

Restys in the honds of Dunpayn to by ches viijs. vj*d*.

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Rests in the box iiij*d*. ijs. viij*d*.
 of the wych is delyvered to W. Branch of the same xxs. and of the said xxs. ys paid
 to W. Branch for kepyng of the cherche.

Also ther ys in ryngs of sylver and gylt xix and v of golde.

**A.D. mccccv. Jan. 1505-6 for 1504-5. { W. BRANCH.
 E. WYNSOR.**

First the wardens present of the yeft of Isbel Olyvar a tuell and iiij*d*.

Next they present for the pascall iijs. ij*d*.

Itm. for a payr of beds that was sold of corell the wygte a nownce and dim [*i.e.*, 1½
 ounce] and dim. qu. scant [*i.e.*, scarcely half a quarter] vs.

„ for a ryng that Branch sold xiiij*d*.

„ for ij gold rynges that John Jos bowte (bought) xx*d*.

„ for a pys of tymber that the wardens sold vj*d*.

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The hoglars bring iijs. ix*d*.

R. Wolls receives ijs. viij*d*.

The tokars bring	ijs. xd.
R. Costrell receives	xiiijd.
The young men bring	iijs. viijd.
Godall receives	ijs.
The Maydens bring	xvijs. vd.
[Expenses as usual, the clock, washing, scouring, keeping the Croke, the light, and the church]	
	xxiij.
The Croke money with the vantage	xliijs. xd.
Presented in of the sport of Robart Hode and hys company	liijs. iiijd.
the wych resteth in the hands of W. Carter.	
in the hands of W. Dunpayn to by ches	vjs. viijd.
In the box vj ^l . ix ^s . of which xx ^s . is delivered to J. Phillips.	
Also these are xvij silver rings and v of gold.	

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A.D. mccccvi. i.e., Jan. 1506-7 for 1505-6. { W. AND J.
PHILLIPS.

First the Wardens present of the yefte of Alsun Abbat a payr of beds of jett with a ryng of sylver and xij^d. in money.

„ of Anys Morgyn a ryng of sylver and gylt and	xij ^d .
„ of Isbell Branch a ryng of sylver and gylt and	xij ^d .
„ of a sarvant of Water Jons	xij ^d .
„ of W. Evan ys wyfe a ryng of sylver and gylt and a sett.	
They present for the pascall	iijs. ix ^d .
The hoglars bring	ivs. vij ^d . ob.
R. Volls receives	ijs. viij ^d .
The tokars bring	iijs. vj ^d .
R. Costrell receives	xiiij ^d .
The young men bring ijs., which rests in J. Edmund's hands.	
delivered of the same to J. Cute	ijs.
The maydins bring	ixs. ij ^d .

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[Expenses]	xvs. viij ^d .
Presented in ¹ for the sporte of Robart Hode	xliijs. iiij ^d .
(Crossed out.)	
Mem. that the Croke yeld this yere	lijs. ij ^d . ob.
There rests in a stok of church money	xxijs. ix ^d .
Wher of is delivered to W. Branch	xxs.
x rings of silver and gold remain.	
In the hands of Dunpayn for [to] by ches	vjs. viij ^d .

¹ Robin seems to have ceased coming in person.

A.D. mccccvii. *i.e.*, Jan. 13, 1507-8 for 1506-7.

W. BRANCH AND E. BOLLE, WARDENS.

First of the yefft of Jone King, a ryng of sylver and gylt.

„ of the gyfft of John Howell a payr of beds of corell with xiiij stons of [*i.e.*, set in] sylver.
 „ of Amys Donpayne a rynge of sylver and in mony iiij*℥*.
 „ of R. Jones a rynge of sylver and gylt and xij*℥*.
 „ of Margytt Gye a rynge of sylver and gylt and xij*℥*.
 „ of Jone Calloe in money ijs.
 „ of Allse Costrell ryng of sylver and gylt and a twell [towell] of dyaper, with iij*℥*. in mone.
 „ of Jone Roger a ryng of sylver and gylt and a certcher.

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for the Pascall iiij*℥*. viij*℥*.
 The hoglers bring iiij*℥*. v*℥*.
 R. Voll receives of same ijs. viij*℥*.
 The tokers bring ijs. x*℥*.
 R. Costrell receives of same xiiij*℥*.
 The young men iiij*℥*.
 John Redmunys receives of same ijs.
 The Maidens xiiij*℥*. j*℥*. ob.
 The wardens present for the sport of Robart Hode ix*℥*. viij*℥*.
 In the hands of Donpayn to by chese vjs. viij*℥*.
 In the box iij*℥*., of which xxs. is delivered to the new wardens.
 The Croke yielded xjs. iij*℥*.
 Paid by W. Cartar of the sum above written xxij*℥*. viij*℥*.

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The hole sum xiiij*℥*.
 Itm. John Carter Jorge maker, Vre massyn [Free mason] of Exeter that receyved off
 the parech of Croscomb the som of iiij*℥*.
 Itm. payd the fryst day of January to the same man iiij*℥*.

A.D. mccccviii. *i.e.*, Jan. 14, 1508-9 for 1507-8.

WATER JOHNYS AND ED. BOLL, WARDENS.

First, a yeft of Johan Wylls a ryng of sylver and gyllte and iiij*℥*.
 Itm. the Croke this yere xlix*℥*. iiij*℥*.
 Mem. there are in the box vj rings of silver, and one of gold.
 Itm. Commyng¹ in of the pascall taper iiij*℥*. iij*℥*.

¹ This new form of entry prevails henceforth, indicating that the contributors no longer appeared in person, but sent their "commyng in," *i.e.*, the income of their guild. This change matches with the addition of the Vestry, part of the Freemasons' work (see next year), which was probably used for audits instead of the Church. N.B.—The weavers' guild has dropped out, perhaps absorbed in a new one for the cultus of St. George.

Do. of the maydens	xvs. vjd.
Do. of the hoglers	vs.
Do. of the towkers	iijs. iiijd.
Do. of the young men	iijs. viiij.
and no return to any of them.	
[Expenses]	xxixs. iiijd.

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In the hands of J. Dunpayn for to by chese vjs. viiij.

In the box iijl. xiijs. xd. of which xxxs. is delivered to the new wardens.

A.D. mccccix. i.e., Jan. 12, 1509-10 for 1508-9.

"the fyrste yere of Kyng Hary the VIIJ."

[The Regnal year is noted henceforth.]

JOHN MORS¹ AND EDWARD BOLLE, WARDENS.

The Croke money this year	lixs. iiijd.
The wardens present the yeste of J. Cartar, Weke, a ryng sylver and gylt and iiijd. and a sett.	
„ of Alys Vaysse a ryng of sylver and a serppelys.	
„ of Isbell Broke a lawnde charche [a lawn kerchief] and	iiijd.
„ of John Dyrrente	xxd.
The comyng in of the pascall taper	vjs. ijd.
„ „ maydens	xvjs.
„ „ hoglers	iijs.
„ „ towkers	iijs. iiijd.
„ „ the young men	iijs. iiijd.
In the box vj rings of silver and one of gold.	
[Usual expenses].	xvjs.
The comyng in of Robyn Hode (John Honythorne)	iiij.

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Delivered to Jo. Paynter and Rd. Rowland	ijs.
„ Jo. Phelyppys	ijs. viiij.
„ Owyn Porter	xiiij.
In the hands of J. Carter xxiijs. ijd. ; of W. Carter xxvjs. viiij. ; of J. Felippes and R. Crose liijs. iiijd. ; in the box of the church	lixs. viiij.
J. Donpayne to by chese	vjs. viiij.
Itm. the wardens Owyn Porter and Edward Bolle hath y payd owtte of the box of the cherch money xxxs. unto John Carter the Jorge maker at the setting oppe of the Jorge [image of St. George].	

¹ Mors = Morris.

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A.D. mcccccx. i.e., Jan. 11, 1510-11 for 1509-10.

The second yere of Kyng Harry the VIIJ.

BOLLE AND OWYN PORTER, WARDENS.

First the yefte of Master Water Bockelonde	xxd.
„ of Johan Jonys	vij ^d .
„ of Hew Colyng a meyser [maser, or mazer-bowl] of wode.	
„ of Margette Dyrrynte a autter [altar] cloth and a cotton ¹ and a ryng of sylver.	
The comyng in of the pascall taper	vjs. iiij ^d .
„ „ maydens	xvjs. xd.
„ „ hoglers	iijs. ij ^d . ob.
„ „ towkers	iijs.
„ „ young men	iijs. vd.
The Croke box for this yere	iiij ^d . vs. xj ^d .
Delivered to O. Porter for the towkers	xiiij ^d .
„ J. Felyppes for the hoglers	ijs. viij ^d .
„ W. Tore for the young men lygte	ijs.
[Usual expenses].	xvijs.
For keypyng of the vestrye ² [a new entry]	iijs.
Comyng in of Robyn Hode	iiij ^d . vjs. viij ^d .
To J. Donpayne for by chesse	vjs. viij ^d .

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Remain v rings of silver and one of gold, and money	iiij ^d . xs. vj ^d .
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A.D. mccccxi. i.e., Jan. 17, 1511-12 for 1510-11.

ED. BOLLE AND RICHARD MOLDE, WARDENS.

First the yefte of Margett Lyde a ryng.	
„ of Felypp Leyws	iiij ^d .
„ of Alys Canning, Marsh, a brason pott.	
Comyng in of the pascall taper	vjs. vij ^d .
„ maydyns	xxs.
„ hoglers	iijs. viij ^d .
„ towkers	ijs. xj ^d .
„ young men	vs. xd.
Itm. the Croke box	iiij ^d . ix ^s . j ^d .
„ „ Robyn Hode (J. Honythorn and J. Stevyn)	xxxvs. xd.
Delivered to J. Felyppes for the hoglers	ijs. viij ^d .
„ „ for the young men	ijs.
To Harry Vorde	xiiij ^d .

¹ A curtain.

² Newly erected in the S.W. angle of the Church ; called also the Treasury.

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[Expenses as usual] xixs.

In the box are v rings of silver and one of gold.

In money xiiijl.

Also in the Church viij lb. of wax.

Edward Bolle and Richard Poclon [*i.e.*, Boclond] are chosen wardens.

A.D. mccccxii. *i.e.*, Jan. 15, 1512-13 for 1511-12.

EDWARD BOLLE AND RICHARD BOCKLOND, WARDENS.

First the yefte of John Yng a pype with wode.

,, Margette Davy a ryng of sylver and gylte and a Rochate (Rochet).

,, John Tayler's wyffe a ryng of sylver and gylte.

,, a sthere [steer] of Richard Wasyn.

,, of Water Vynsente for his father and mother viijl.

The comyng in of the pascall taper vjs. iijl.

,, ,, maydens xviijs. vjl.

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The comyng in of the hoglers iijs. vijl.

,, ,, towkers ijs. ijl. ob.

,, ,, young men iijs. vjl.

[The usual sums are delivered to each of the above.]

Itm. the coste of the Gorge, the holle sum of all the coste¹ xxvijl. xjs. viijl.

The incrysse of Croke iijl. iijs. iijl.

[Expenses as usual.]

There remain v rings of silver and one of gold and in money xl. iijs. vjl.

There rest in the wardens hands xxiijs. iijl.

The new Wardens are Ed. Bolle and W. Carter.

Mem. that the wardens hath delyvered unto Roger Morris, R. Costrell, a pype with wood
and a mesure the pryse xl. that shall be ypayd at Cryste masse comyth twelmotte that

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shalbe in the yere of our Lord Mv xv [1515.]

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A.D. mccccxiii. *i.e.*, Jan. 20, 1513-14 for 1512-13.

THE WARDENS, ED. BOLL AND JOHN CARTER, THE ELDER, AND WILLIAM HIS SON.²

Do present for the lyng of Wyllyam Carter and his wyff in the chyrche vjs. viiiijl.,
and a ryng of sylver and gylt, and xijl. to the bells and cerchew [kerchief] to
Saynt Marget.

¹ This large outlay, and employment of a skilled body of Freemasons from Exeter marks an addition to the Fabric. It consisted of a Chapel on the N.E., at the opening of which St. George's image was set up with light burning before it, and the Vestry or treasure-house on the S.W., with its two chambers, upper and lower, strongly barred for safe custody of the increasing store of valuables. In later accounts, 1516-17, St. George had a Box, a Collection, and an Ale, 1523-4. There was a guild organized to maintain these observances. See 1516-17.

² N.B.—A third warden to help the older one.

Itm. a ryng of gold of the yefte [of] Mastress Bassyng.
 Itm. a ryng of sylver and gylt of the geft of Alson Jamys of the paryshe of Schepton.
 Itm. of the geft of Amys Harrys xij*℥*.
 " " John Reve a whether schepp J. Jose hath paid xij*℥*.
 " " John Abatt xx*℥*.
 " " my lady Schepton to the belles viij*℥*.
 Received in by Sir Thomas for my lady Schepton berel [burial] vjs. viij*℥*.

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[The pascall taper, the maidens, hogglers, tokers, the young men as usual.] Total xxvijs. v*℥*.
 The Croke box this year ijs. x*℥*.
 P. Thomas and J. Vord received of the stoke ijs. and js. ij*℥*.
 There are ij gold and vj silver rings in stock.
 The usual expenses come to xiijs. viij*℥*.
 Delyvered to J. Phyllip for the hoggler stoke ijs. viij*℥*.
 The remains for the Crok vjs. iiij*℥*. and in the box iiij*℥*. ijs. x*℥*.

[The year 1514-15, *i.e.*, for 1513-14 is omitted.]

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A.D. mccccxxv. *i.e.*, Jan. 13, 1515-16 for 1514-15.

EDW. BOOLE AND WILLIAM GOODALL, WARDENS.

Alys Downpayne has given a pair of ryngs of sylver gylt.
 John Rede x*℥*.
 Isabell Boole a ryng of sylver gylt.
 The maidens, young men, hoggelers, tokers, and pascall money ij*℥*. ijs. ix*℥*.
 J. Fyllypps hoggeler receives ijs. viij*℥*, H. Harryson toker xiiij*℥*, W. Jose iis.
 Ed. Boole made his acownt for the cherce lond, in the yere abowfe (above) said, for
 iij yere and halfe vs. x*℥*.
 Mem. the yere [of the lease] be kynnyth at our lady day in lent—after [*i.e.*, henceforth].
 There are ij gold and viij silver rings.
 Delyveryd to W. Payne vjs. viij*℥*. for by chesse xvjs. iiij*℥*.
 Remains in the box v*℥*.
 The new wardens receive xxvijs. x*℥*.

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A.D. mccccxxvi. *i.e.*, Jan. 13, 1516-17 for 1515-16.

ED. BOLL AND JOHN PHYLLYPS, WARDENS.

The wardens present of the gift of John Boklond xij*℥*.
 " " Jon Brown a ryng of sylver and a frontlett.¹
 " " Hew Sherwell iiij*℥*.
 " " John Phyllyps of Schepton iiij*℥*.

¹ At the marriage of Sir Gervase Clifton, A.D. 1530, amongst the "expenses of the apparel," is
 "A frontlet of blue velvet, xvijs." Bailey, *Annals of Nottinghamshire*, Vol I, p. 380.

Itm. her comythe yn John Phyllyps and Wyliyam Payn an present for Sayntt Gorg ys lyght	xijs.
The maidens, young men, hoglers, tokers, and the pascale	xxxvijs. jd.
Delivered to J. Phyllyps for the hoggelers light	ijs. viijd.
Itm. paid chyrche costs drwwytt [draweth] to	xxxvjs. ijd. ob.
To Grayson and J. Vord for toker lyght	xiiijd.
The Croke hath yncressyd thys yere	iiij mark ¹
[Usual expenses].	xvjs
There are viij sylver and one gold ring.	
Reckenyng for the Church land the whole year	xxd.
Rest in the box for the yere past	xs. ijd
To the Wardens	xxs.
Rest in the box of Saynt Jorys [George's] mony	xijs
Rest yn W. Payn hond for to by chesse	vjs. viijd
The key of the Crok box John Morrys hond.	

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A.D. mccccxvii. i.e., Jan. 17, 1517-18 for 1516-17.

ED. BOLL AND JOHN HORDAR, WARDENS.

Ed. Jenkyll, Corff [? Carver] presents a ring of sylver and ij ygylt.

John Plenty	do.	
Harry Mew	do.	iiijd.
John Hordar presents in for Sayn Jorys lyght		xvjs. viijd.
The maidens, hoglers, tokers, young men, and the pascall present in [Expenses].		xxvijs. viijd.
Rings, x silver one gold.		
To J. Hordan and R. Male for the lyght		ijs.
To J. Phyllyps for the hoglers lyght		ijs. viijd.
To Harryson for lyght		ijs.
To R. Brown for to by chesse		vjs. viij.
The Croke hath yncrest this yere		xxxiiijs. ijd.
In the cherche box in mony		xxiijs. iiijd.
Itm. there ys Sir Thomas Vox owt [oweth] for my lady Schepton		vjs. viijd.
In the box the whole sum of all mony		iiijl. xivjs. viijd.

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A.D. mccccxviii. i.e., Jan. 15, 1518-19 for 1517-18.

ED. BOLL AND MORGAN PHYLLOPS, WARDENS.

A. Wattys presents a ryng of Sylver and ygelt [gilt].

W. Brane presents a Serplys and a iiijd. to the bell.

The Croke hathe inccressyd thys yere xliijs. iijd.

¹ I.e., ijd. xiijs. iiijd.

The hoglers, tokers, young men and maidens present xxixs. vjd.
 [The usual sums are delivered out and paid away.]
 Itm. therys ypott [put] yn to the box v nobylls and xxxxd.,¹ and ryngs of silver and gylt.

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A.D. mccccxix. i.e., Jan. 14, 1519-20 for 1518-19.

ED. BOLL AND RICHARD SEUGAR, WARDENS.

The gift of Alsun Whytyng of Pylton iiijd.
 „ Phylp Bys vjs. viijd.
 „ Isbell Sadler ijd.
 „ Anys Carter a ryng of sylver and vjs. viijd.
 The hoglers, Tokers, young men, maidens, and pascall xxxvijs. vjd.
 [The usual sums are delivered out and paid away.]

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A.D. m.vc.xx. i.e., Jan. 14, 1520-21 for 1519-20.

ED. BOLLE AND JOHN EDMONDS, WARDENS.

Anys Yng presents a boke, a chalys, a peer [pair] of vestements, at the parylle [apparel] of the awlter, also a rynge of golde.
 Itm. Master John Edmonds a relyke of Syntte² Thomas of Canterbyrye.
 W. Stevyns and Alys uxor ejus a ryng and viijd.
 Alys Jarman a peer of bedys and a ryng.
 Alys Mew a plat(er) and xij trenchers.³
 Jone Haukor iiijd.
 [The hoglers, towkers, young men, maidens, the pascall, and S. George's profits as usual.—The only change in the regular entries is instead of Croke—paid for kepyng of the tresur⁴ house.]
 The sum remaining in the box is vijl. xiijs. iiijd.
 A gold ring is sold for xiijs. iiijd.

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A.D. m.vc.xxi. i.e., Jan., 1521-2 for 1520-21.

ED. BOLLE AND JOHN HONYTHORNE, WARDENS.

Paid for the lyyng⁵ of Whytte Wolle iijs. vjd.
 „ „ of John Joyssse in the Chyrche ij torchys and iiijlb. of brasse.

¹ I.e., jl. xvjs. viijd.

² Probably obtained on pilgrimage. This was the year of the last Jubilee of the Martyr. What was done with the relic?

³ Outfit for the Church house.

⁴ The cross, with the other valuables, was now kept in the strong room at the S.W. angle of the Church.

⁵ Were these cases of the corpse being laid out in the Church before burial, with lights burning?

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[Among usual entries]

Ed. Wynsor geve unto the chorch ij yows [ewes] the prissee ijs. iiij $\frac{1}{2}$.
 Mem. that the sayd wardens had for to by wex ijs. iiij $\frac{1}{2}$. of the croke box.

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A.D. m.vc.xxii. i.e., Jan. 1522-3 for 1521-2.

ED. BOLLE AND RICHARD WAYSSE, WARDENS.

The gifts of—

Sir Stevin Edmonds iij bokys of Canan. ¹	Anys Taytte, a ryng of sylver.
Anys Hogys a ryng of sylver.	Elizabeth Shepperd do.
Thomas Chaunler of Hame iiij $\frac{1}{2}$.	Jone Bladon a charch and do.
Elynore Sowthmore a carcho [kerchief]	Maude Brasse do.
and iiij $\frac{1}{2}$.	Thomas Amerike iiij $\frac{1}{2}$.
W. Persse of Hame viij $\frac{1}{2}$.	Robard Heth iiij $\frac{1}{2}$.
J. Horder xd.	Robard Hopar of Wells iiij $\frac{1}{2}$.
Jone, daughter of W. Towker viij $\frac{1}{2}$.	
A servant of J. Mors a carcho and peer of bedys.	
R. Voll a platter, a poger, ² and iiij $\frac{1}{2}$.	
R. Chester xij $\frac{1}{2}$.	
John Molde iiij $\frac{1}{2}$.	

[The hoglers and outgoings as usual.]

[The entry "to by chesse" does not now occur, but the sum allowed for that purpose,
 viz., vijs. viij $\frac{1}{2}$. does, though without description of its application.]

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A.D. m.vc.xxiii. i.e., Jan. 17, 1523-4 for 1522-3.

[Originally so written; but one of the units has been scratched out. The same
 remark applies to the heading of the next year.]

ED. BOLLE AND RICHARD BROWNE, WARDENS.

Gifts. John Carnycke a massebocke.	
„ Sir Umefry John son xij $\frac{1}{2}$.	
„ Watt Vynsentte ij $\frac{1}{2}$.	
„ Oleffe Lame a ryng of Sylver and gylte, and a peer of bedys of gette [jet] and a charcho.	
„ Alys Sheppard a ryng of sylver and gylte.	
„ Anys Brade of Comton Dondayne xvj $\frac{1}{2}$.	

[The hoglers, young men, maidens, and Towkers as usual, expenditure ditto.]

The crysse of Syntte my helle [Michael] ijs.	
Payd for the wesch [washing] of the hy aulter iijs. viij $\frac{1}{2}$.	
The crysse of Syntte Gorgys alle [Ale] xijs. viij $\frac{1}{2}$.	
xv rings of silver, ij of gold.	

¹ Probably three books of the Canon of the Mass for use at the Altar.² Porringer.

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In the hands of Ed. Wynsore iiij yousse [ewes].

Delivered to R. Brown to by chesse vjs. viij*l*.

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A.D. m.vc.xxiij. i.e., Jan. 16, 1524-5 for 1523-4.

ED. BOLLE AND JOHN VORDE, WARDENS.

Gifts. Anis Josse, a ryng of Sylver.

xv silver and ij gold rings in the box.

[Receipts and payments mingled].

Rest in box iiij*l*. xiijs. iiij*l*.
besides ryngs and vj ewes.

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TERMS OF SHEEP-LEASE.

John Felyppes and Jone his wife vj yows [ewes], and iiij ryngs of sylver. The whych you scheppes [ewe sheep] beth delyvered unto Hew Morganne for the space of vij yere, the said Hew for to pay by the yere the sum of ijs. for to pay hit at the Countt day. If so be as eny of thes scheppe doth dy or mynish, the said Hew pay for them xv*l*. a pesse [apiece], the scheppe be of the age of iiij yere, all of one age, the said Hew for to delyver at the vij yere ende the scheppe or ells [else] viijs.

[All the usual entries of receipts and payments, except that there are no
S. Michael or S. George receipts.]

Itm. ther rest in the hands of Ed. Wynsor, vj scheppe, the whych thay be yours [ewes] all, the sayd Edward for to pay for the same scheppe at all tymys vjs. viij*l*, or ells [else] the scheppe.

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A.D. mccccxxv. i.e., Jan. 21, 1525-6 for 1524-5.

ED. BOLLE AND JOHN FORDE, WARDENS.

Gifts. Harry Cornysch of Wells iiij*l*.
 „ the wyfe of John Dylte of Wells ij*l*.
 „ the wyfe of Lewis Tayler a sylver ryng and a charcho, and a cotton [curtain]
 and bowese of wett [a bushel of wheat], and iiij*l*.
 „ the wyfe of Water Jonys a ryng of sylver and a carcho of lawne [lawn].
 „ the wyfe of W. Towker a charcho and xv*l*.
 „ Johan Chanler of Hame viij*l*.
 „ Alys the wyfe of Feleppe Morgan a ryng of sylver and a charcho.
 „ Jone the wyfe of Robard Cosyn of Baltsborrew [Baltonsborough] iiij*l*.
 „ Rychard Bolloke a peer of crewatt [cruets].
 „ John Jevans a platter and ij sowers [saucers] and a peny.

[The usual entries of hoglers, &c., but no S. George].

Hew Morgan pays rent for the vj sheep ijs.

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A.D. mccccxxvi. i.e., Jan. 19, 1526-7 for 1525-6.

ED. BOLLE AND JOHN KYNGDON, WARDENS.

Gifts.	Sir Jon Rodneye	iijs. iiij ^d
„	Jone Parfytte of Dolyng	xx ^d
„	Elizabeth Corage a ryng of sylver and gylte.	
„	John Dylte a wytte of lydde [weight of lead]	xxviiij lb.
„	W. Josse	iiij ^d .
„	Robyn Hode ¹	iiij ^d . iiij ^d .
Itm.	payd to Rychard Brown for corpes ²	xj ^d .
Item.	ther was payde owtte of the chyrch box for all the parysch whane ther was a strayne ³ taken for the lorde	xxs
	‘Hew Morgan to pay for the vj sheep ijs. a year for the space of vij years at the last year xvj ^d . for apes [apiece].	
	There rest in the hands of Ed. Wynsor for vj sheep	vjs. viij ^d .

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A.D. mccccxxvii. i.e., Jan. 18, 1527-8 for 1526-7.

ED. BOLLE AND JOHN MORS, WARDENS.

Gifts.	Jone Sevons of Schepton Mallatte a ryng of golde.	
„	Jone Shepperd of Stoke My hell [S. Michael, or Stoke Lane], a ryng of sylver.	
Itm.	Syntte Gorgys alle [Ale] the sum	xxxiijs. iiij ^d .
	The rent of vj sheep for ij years	iiijs.
Mem.	that Owyn Porter hath ypayd unto John Broke for his warke and to John Coke for the mending of the horne ⁵ of the cherch, and to Gornay and to the wardens the sum [of] forti shelyng, and so ⁶ the parysch doth owe on to Chantre	xls.

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A.D. mccccxxviii. i.e., Jan. 23, 1528-9 for 1527-8.

ED. BOLLE AND JOHN PELTON, WARDENS.

Gifts.	John Sowthmore	viij ^d .
	Richard Pers of Hame [Ham].	iiij ^d .
	Alys Mew a ryng of silver.	
	Ther was made of Syntte Gorgys alle [Ale] by John Pelton and Rychard Vaysee	lvijs. iiij ^d .
	Received for a cotton [curtain] of Edw. Bolle	xiij ^d .
„	from Edmonde Carter for beryng of mother ⁷	vjs. viij ^d .
	[The usual entries of hoglers, &c., and expenses.]	

¹ The first time since 1510-11.² Qy. Corporas.³ A distraint made by the Lord of the Manor for chief rent (see the year 1493-4), due for our Lady's closes and the almshouses.⁴ A summary of the terms given in full, 1524-5.⁵ Some jutting corner or pinnacle. The cost required a loan.⁶ I.e., the parish borrowed from the Feoffees of the Palton Chantry.⁷ The stated fee for burying in the Church, the wardens making good the pavement.

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¹ *A.D. mcccccxix. i.e., Jan. 22, 1529-30 for 1528-9.*

ED. BOLLE AND WILLIAM MOLDE, WARDENS.

Gifts of John Bockelon	xij <i>d.</i>
Anys wife of J. Torne, a ryng of sylver and gylt	j <i>d.</i>
Rd. Brown son of R. Brown	iiij <i>d.</i>
Made of Seyntte Gorgis alle [Ale]	xxvjs. viij <i>d.</i>
Received from Ed. Bolle for the cris [increase] of the lon [land]	ijs. vj <i>d.</i>
[The usual entries of hoglers, &c., and sheep, and payments].	

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¹ *A.D. mccccxx. i.e., Jan. 28, 1530-31 for 1529-30.*

ED. BOLLE AND RICHARD MOLDE, WARDENS.

Gifts of Sir Thomas Rogers of Wells, preste [priest]	xx <i>d.</i>
„ Rychard Goodall	xij <i>d.</i>
„ John and Elizabeth Morris	ijs.
„ the Lady Elizabeth a ryng of golde.	
„ Anys daughter of John Edmonds a platter and	iiij <i>d.</i>
„ the sayde Anys Edmonds a carcho or els [else]	viiij <i>d.</i>
„ Allys Goodall, daughter of William	iiij <i>d.</i>
„ Elyn Nicolas, a ryng of sylver.	
„ Alys wyfe of W. Molde, a ryng of sylver and a carcho of lawnde.	
„ W. Wooke	vj <i>d.</i>
„ Ed. Sewgar a bason, and	iiij <i>d.</i>
„ Jone Carter a ryng of sylver.	
„ Master Moris Walker, perste [priest]	vj <i>d.</i>
„ Ed. Campe	vj <i>d.</i>
„ Cryten Horsynton, a ryng of sylver.	
„ Isbell Carpyter, do.	
„ Thomas Jacobe	iiij <i>d.</i>
„ Dorothe Bellman, a ryng of sylver.	
„ John Porter	iiij <i>d.</i>
„ W. Lews	ij <i>d.</i>
Ed. Bolle received for fessel [vessel]	ij <i>d.</i>
Gift of Alys Blakedon, a ryng of silver.	
Made at Seyntt Gorgys alle	xiijs.
[The hoglers, &c., as usual.]	
The Church Croke this year	xxxixs. x <i>d.</i>
[The usual entries of expenditure.]	

¹ Regnal year given all through this period.

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A.D. mccccxxxi. *i.e.*, Jan. 13, 1531-2 for 1530-1.

ED. BOLLE AND OWYN POTTER, WARDENS.

Gifts.	Sir Nycolas Garlante	xx <i>d.</i>
„	Margaret Chester a ryng of Sylver, and a stone and	iiij <i>d.</i>
„	L. Watts of Schepton	iiij <i>d.</i>
„	Jone Tucker of Noney [Nunney]	iiij <i>d.</i>
S. George	[’s Ale]	xxvjs. viij <i>d.</i>

[The hoglers, &c., as usual, and the usual expenditure.]

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A.D. mccccxxxi. *i.e.*, Jan. 11, 1532-3 for 1531-2.

ED. BOLLE AND WILLIAM WATTS, WARDENS.

GIFTS—

Em. feyse	ij <i>d.</i>	The Maydens increas	xvijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
John Meryfylde and Edeth	v <i>d.</i>	The young men	ijs. viij <i>d.</i>
John and Wyllyam Phelyps	iiij <i>d.</i>	The hogelers	iiijs.
St. George Croke Alle [Ale]	xvijs. iiij <i>d.</i>	The towkers	xxj <i>d.</i>
The Pascall	iiijs. viij <i>d.</i>	The Croke box increse	xxxs.

[The keys of the box are in the hands of J. Delton, as usual not one of the Wardens.]

[The usual expenses.]

John Bolle for pewter vessells ² debeth [debet, <i>i.e.</i> , oweth]	ix <i>d.</i>
Itm. Owyn Porter debeth onto the Chorch of Corscomb xls., for to be ypaid in the space of iij yere that ther sholde be ypaid at the day of the countts nextte commying by Owyn Porter	xiijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
John Bolle debeth for the rent of the Chorch	ijs. v <i>d.</i>

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mccccxxxi. Lease of ten sheep: Jan., 1534-5
for 1533-4.

In the rayne of Kyng Hary the VIII the xxv yere, the xvij day of January, the Wardens of the parysch Chorch of Corscomb, Symon Brone and John Bolle other wys Mydel have I sette to farme unto Rychard Downe of Corscomb x scheppe for the tyme of vij yers, and the sayde Rychard for to pay by the yere for the rente of the x scheppe ijs. v*d.* for to be ypaid at the day that the Chorch Wardens doth make ther countte at the parysch Chorch of Corscomb every yere for the tyme of vij yere for to pay ijs. v*d.* by the yere and to have the vij yere paste, the said Rychard Downe for to delyver the sayd x scheppe so good as they ware or ells xiijs. iiij*d.* in good and lawfoll [money]. ther to consentteth Thomas Downe and Hary Jamys schomaker for to se the sayd payment welle and trewly paid in the payne. [under penalty.]

¹ Regnal year given all through this period.² The vessels of the Church house are now let out on hire, as in other parishes. Hitherto the house has yielded nothing to the wardens.

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A.D. mccccxxxiij. i.e., Jan. 10, 1533-4 for 1532-3.

JOHN CARTER AND JOHN MYDEL, WARDENS.

By the byquest of John at Wylle of Dynder	iiij <i>ʒ</i> .
the byquest of Thomas Carpynter	vii <i>ʒ</i> .
the byquest of Wellcheen [Wilkin] Chester	iiij <i>ʒ</i> .
and a ryng of sylver and gylte and a carcho.	
the byquest of Rychard Jonys	v <i>ʒ</i> .
the byquest of Jone Bockelen of darke shelle ¹	iijs. iiij <i>ʒ</i> .
the ryng of Mr. Thos. Fy [Fitz] James	iiij <i>ʒ</i> .
Itm. John Mydel hath delyvered for the pewter fessell	x <i>ʒ</i> .
[The pascall taper, the maidens, &c., the increase of St. George, &c., as usual. As also the usual sums returned to the maidens' light, hoglers' light, &c.]	
J. Mydel debeth for the rent of the Chyrch	viijs. v <i>ʒ</i> .
[The usual expenses, for keeping the clock, and washing, &c.]	
Th. Downe debeth on to the chyrch for lampe	viijs.
Itm. ther ys payd to the Clarke for his wagys ²	vjs. viij <i>ʒ</i> .
Money in the church box	xjs. viij <i>ʒ</i> .
John Chester for a carcho (the whych ygeven by his wyfe Welcheen) debeth	ix <i>ʒ</i> .

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A.D. mccccxxxiij. i.e., Jan. 9, 1534-5 for 1533-4.

JOHN MYDELL AND SIMON BROWNE,³ WARDENS.

[They first present all the bequests.]	
the byquest of Rychard Crosse, a ryng of sylver and	viiij <i>ʒ</i> .
„ Amys Camell	iiij <i>ʒ</i> .
J. Mydell hath delyvered for pewter vessell	xiiij <i>ʒ</i> .
[Receipts and expenditure under the usual heads.]	
The sum that cherch coste of Rep(rea)ssig [Reparation]	v <i>ʒ</i> . xiiij <i>ʒ</i> .
Tho. Downe debeth unto the chyrch for the rentte for the lamp [Mayow's endow- ment]	viijs.
R. Downe debeth for the rentte for x ⁴ shepe	ijs. v <i>ʒ</i> .

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A.D. mccccxxxiij. i.e., Jan. 8, 1535-6, 1534-5.

EDMUND QUAR AND JOHN MYDDEL, WARDENS.

The byquest of Water Jonis	xij <i>ʒ</i> .
„ Edward Bolle	viiij <i>ʒ</i> .
„ John Pers of Hame	iiij <i>ʒ</i> .
[Receipts for the Pascal, &c., as usual, and usual outlay.]	
J. Bolle paid for pewter vessels	xviiij <i>ʒ</i> .

¹ *I.e.*, Darhill or Dursill, in Shepton.

² A new entry.

³ The wardens who leased the x sheep.

⁴ None for the vi sheep.

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A.D. mccccxxviii. *i.e.*, Jan. 11, 1538-9 for 1537-8.

THOMAS DOWNE AND JOHN MYDELL, WARDENS.

The bequest of John Hardwyll	iiij <i>℥</i> .
„ John Paynter	iiij <i>℥</i> .
The incres of the pewter vessels	vij <i>℥</i> .
[The accounts this year are much less regular than hitherto.]	
The pascall taper iiij <i>℥</i> . vij <i>℥</i> . S. George's alle [ale]	xxv <i>℥</i> s. viij <i>℥</i> .
The maydens	iiij <i>℥</i> s.

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Jelyan Harys is paid for washing and tynying the light.

J. Laffe oweth for a yowe	xxij <i>℥</i> .
John Ford oweth to the chirche for the rest of his ¹ ale mony	iiij <i>℥</i> s. viij <i>℥</i> .
Received for the pascall at Easter	iiij <i>℥</i> s. vij <i>℥</i> .
For rent from W. Sugar	iiij <i>℥</i> s. iiij <i>℥</i> .
„ J. Sadeler	v <i>℥</i> s.
„ Mogg iij parts rent	iiij <i>℥</i> s. ix <i>℥</i> .
„ R. Phelyppes for the vantage of bredde	xxij <i>℥</i> .
„ Hill of Compton for rent	iiij <i>℥</i> .
„ John Bysse	viij <i>℥</i> s. iiij <i>℥</i> .
„ J. Edwards for last yere	i <i>℥</i> s. iiij <i>℥</i> .
„ T. Stevens for J. Edmonds rent this yere	xx <i>℥</i> .
Received for a knytle [knell]	iiij <i>℥</i> .
„ of Edyth Honythorne for a knytle and the pall ²	v <i>℥</i> .
„ Margery Methery for our worst ³ pall	i <i>℥</i> .
More for lyme to John Medyll	j <i>℥</i> .

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[One page at least has been cut out with scissors.

There is the heading of an account 33 Hen. VIIJ, *i.e.*, Apr. 1541 to Apr. 1542.

Harry Mede and Richard Goodall, Wardens, crossed out.]

No. Hen. viii. xxxvi^o.⁴ JOHN CARTER AND JOHN STEVENS, WARDENS.

Receyvvd at our comying in at the accompts day in money	xiii <i>℥</i> s.
Payd to the obytt for all gode doers ⁵	i <i>℥</i> s. v <i>℥</i> .
„ for yoyle [oil].	iiij <i>℥</i> s. viij <i>℥</i> .
Paid for hewing timber to Broke	x <i>℥</i> .

¹ John Ford had either given an ale, or had collected at an ale for the Church, and not paid the collection in full.

² First mention of a pall as a parish property.

³ Worn, and therefore not a new possession.

⁴ If dated from Jan. to Jan., as usual, this official year ran from Jan., 1545-6 to 1546-7. The King died Jan. 28, 1547-8.

⁵ The parish benefactors, named in the Bede-roll.

Paid to Broke for makyng of the frame ¹		xd.
„ for belropys		.ijs. ix <i>℥</i> .
„ for making of wax		.ijs. iii <i>℥</i> .
„ for a tweyste and naylys and greffe ²		. iij <i>℥</i> .
„ for greffe (?) thred and silke		. iij <i>℥</i> .
„ for caryng of the banor to Care [Cary]		iiij <i>℥</i> . ob.
„ for mendyng of the cloke		.xd. ob
„ at vysytation ³ at Bruton		. iiij <i>℥</i> .
„ for caryng home of Tymber and Woode		. xij <i>℥</i> .

PAGE 108. MEM. [Interpolated to record Kingdon's debt from 1542.] That Edward Kyndon and John Stevyns be chosyn Wardens for the yere. Wheras delyvered them in hande xiijs. *xd.* in the yere of the rayne of Kyng Harri the VIIJ, xxxiiij.

Soe Edward Kyndon doth owe viijs. and *xx℥.* for chese [chest].

This is of John Carter and John Stevyns yere.

Paid for makyng a wheel to the little bell		iijs. iii <i>℥</i> .
„ cutting trees and stopping of scherdys [gaps]		.v <i>℥</i> .
„ bokes for the prossyon ⁴		. x <i>℥</i> .
„ coppys [copes]		.xx <i>℥</i> .
„ going to visitation		.ijs.
„ pweynting ⁵ of the Chyrche		.xd.
„ for lime		.xd.
„ for oyl ⁶ and veyre and drynkyng and grese		. xij <i>℥</i> .
„ ffre sute and kyngs sylver ⁷		.xx <i>℥</i> .
„ wax xvjlb. at .v <i>℥</i> . ob. the pound.		

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A.D. m.vc.xlvii. i.e., 1547-8 for 1546-7.⁸

JHAN BYSSE AND JOHN MYDEL, WARDENS.

The bequest of Rychard Bockland	vijs.	The Croke to eche [each of the Ales?]	
the pascall taper	iiijs.		.xxxiijs. j <i>℥</i> . ob.
the maydes ayll [Ale]	xxijs. vj <i>℥</i> .	They levyeth for the fyne of John	
The Ale att Wytsonyde	xvijs. ij <i>℥</i> .	Jeffrey	xij <i>℥</i> .
		for John Kendon for hys fyne	.ijs. iiiij <i>℥</i> .

¹ *I.e.*, a bell frame.

² *Qy.*, "grease"? grease for the bell-wheels.

³ First mention of a visitation. Previous wardens must have comprised it in their bill of costs.

⁴ Procession, *i.e.*, the Litany, newly put forth in English.

⁵ Painting; probably painting out something newly condemned.

⁶ Oil, fire, and grease, *i.e.*, for a bonfire on Midsummer Eve.

⁷ If this refers to the King's revel (hitherto a source of income) and not to a legal process, the suit must be a dress provided for the mock king, and the silver a tribute paid to him.

⁸ Spoliation begins, and voluntary offerings die away.

Mem. Jhan Bysse doth . . . detter [debtor] before all the pareche for certen
plate sold hytt [or att] and awtrer [Altar] to the side of ys . . . iiij $\frac{1}{2}$ vjs. iiij $\frac{1}{2}$.
Itm. John Jeffrey do owe of hys fyn vjs.
Thomas Stevyns do owe for iij parts of the year ijs. vjd.
[Several other debts.]

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Mem. that 38 Hen. VII¹ Jhan Bysse and Jhan Phylepes were chosen Wardens.

No. 1548, *i.e.*, 1548-9 for 1547-8.

[A list of nine men who owe sums from xx to iv shillings; for what is not stated;
only]

T. Downe do owe for a ryng vjd.

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The Church rents the first day of September.

[A list of nine names, each owing for five quarters' rent in sums from xvs. to vd.]

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No. 1550, *i.e.*, 1550-51 for 1549-50.

JOSEPH CARTER AND THOMAS FASY, WARDENS.

[The whole page is taken up with a list of sums owing to the parish, the following
only specify for what the sums were due]:—

T. Downe for rings	vjd.	the person for a blew cloth	xijd.
T. Hyll for rent	vd.	T. Wills for a brouder [broidery]	vjd.
the person for xv lb. of wax	iiij $\frac{1}{2}$.	R. Fasy for a ber ⁴	xiij $\frac{1}{2}$.
the person for the perrafrase [Para- phrase] ³	vs. ij $\frac{1}{2}$.	E. Quar for a ber	xix $\frac{1}{2}$.

¹ If in January, a few days before the King's death on the 28th.

² In this year Edward VI's Commissioners seized the Chantry endowments, *i.e.*, the lands and Chapel of East Horrington, and the Mayow lands and houses.—See Som. Record Soc., vol. ii.

³ The Paraphrase of Erasmus on the Gospels and the Acts, first published in English in A.D. 1547, from the Translation by Nicholas Udal, a protégé of Queen Katherine Parr.—(Strype's Memorials, vol. ii., part i., p. 45.)

⁴ *I.e.*, "bier," either for the use of one, or perhaps to purchase it.

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A.D. “yn the ffyfe yere of our soffreyne lorde kyng Edward the Sext,” Dec. 6, *i.e.*, 1551-2 for 1550-1.

Mem. that the parish of Corscomb hath chosen to be Wardens, John Goodall and John att Wyll, in the fyffe year of our sovereign lorde Kyng Edward VI the vj day of December.

And John Enstryge and Rechard Felyps to have the over sight.

Mem. Wardens made “ther a cownt a newerds eve (New Year’s Eve) 1552.”

“The paryche ys depytte” ijs. viijd.

A.D. 1553, *i.e.*, 1552-3 for 1551-2.

The same Wardens. And John Myddyl and Richard Whats to help sell¹ the tymber and other things.

Mem. Jhan Goodall, Jhan Attwoll, hath mayd ther acownte to Jan. 1554, and they doth owe to the parochie xiiij*l*.

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A.D. “yn the fryst [fyrst] yere of the rayne of oure most sovreyne lady the queen Mary,” *i.e.*, 1553-4 for 1552-3.

RICHARD WATTS AND RICHARD DOWNE, WARDENS.

They have received² a sylver challys, and a cover.

Itm. a boxe of coper for the sacrament.
 „ a blake palle of blake velvet and red.
 „ a paule of blew damaske.
 „ a paule of green silke.
 „ a awter cloth of green and gold saten of
 bryges [Bruges] silke.
 „ iij linnen awter clothes and a towell.
 „ ij serples.

Itm. ij barres of yeron [iron] with a slege
 [a sledge-hammer] and a stone sawe.
 „ j peke [pick] axe and a spade.
 „ j wyte bason and a towell.
 „ a streymer and a bayner logge.³
 „ a kerchowe that did serve the canapy
 with torcells.⁴
 „ a canapy to hange the sacrament over.

¹ Spoliation going on. Overseers appointed to watch the wardens.

² *I.e.*, recovered goods, hidden during Edward’s reign. Mary’s accession was July 6, 1553.

³ A flag and banner “lug,” *i.e.*, string.

⁴ Tassels.

Itm. ij long towels for Ester.
 „ a cope of blue vellat [velvet] and a
 westment of blew and red bryges
 [Bruges] saten, withall thyngs to hit
 belonging.
 „ a crosse of coper, ij candeelstokes of
 laten.
 „ ij boxes for mony bowed with yron [iron]

Itm. a grete cheste bownd with yron.
 „ a pere of sensers [censers].
 „ a bybell.
 „ iij stoles.
 „ iij famels.¹
 „ a tabell for the comunyon.
 „ a grete cheste in the vestre for copes.

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Mem. they have receyvyd in redy mony xiiij/.
 [Four debtors are to pay within a year. The names of xxij men who are present
 when the above agreement is come to, are given.]

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A.D. 1555, Jan. 12, *i.e.*, 1555-6 for 1554-5.
 RICHARD WATTS AND RYCHARD DOWNE, WARDENS.
 [No accounts.]

A.D. 1556, Jan. 18, *i.e.*, 1556-7 for 1555-6.
 JOHN CLYVE AND JOHN BLAKMAN, WARDENS.
 [Only two entries of receipts of xvjs. from two debtors.]

A.D. 1557, Jan. 9, *i.e.*, 1557-8 for 1556-7.
 JOHN MYDDLE AND RYCHARD MOLDE, WARDENS.

The next Wardens are to be R. Mowlde and Joseph Cartter.
 Received of John Godwyn of the bequest of Jone Buclond, Wydow iijs. iiijd.
 Received more of the said J. Godwyn for the burial in the Church of the said Jone
 Buclond, and the wife of Joseph Carter her daughter xiijs. iiijd.
 [Three debts are paid.]
 Remayneth owing by John Goodall for the buryall of hys wyfe in the Churche vjs. viijd.
 [pp. 118, 119 of the accounts are blank.]

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A.D. 1558, *i.e.*, 1558-9 for 1557-8.
 JOHN COLYER AND NYCHOLAS WYLLS, WARDENS.

They present the geffte of Sir Smyth vjd.
 „ „ James Carter xijd.
 Total receipts xxvs.

¹ "Famels," *i.e.*, "fanons," maniples.

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Payments.

Payd for making of the pascall	xxij <i>℥</i> .	Payd for a tonge for the second bell	j <i>℥</i> .
„ for francincense and pyns ¹	ij <i>℥</i> .	„ for mending a hole in the led	ij <i>℥</i> .
„ for the maken clene of candel-sticks	j <i>℥</i> .	„ for carryage of a shete of led	iiij <i>℥</i> .
„ for weshyng a qayrt [? quarter]	v <i>℥</i> d.	„ to Vysytation	ix <i>℥</i> d.
„ att Brewton at Vysytation	xij <i>℥</i> d.	„ to makyng up of the byll	ij <i>℥</i> d.
„ for the hyre of a horse	iiij <i>℥</i> d.	„ to a rope for the whyrelgok ²	iiij <i>℥</i> d.
„ for mending of the bere	ij <i>℥</i> d.	„ for keepyng of the cloke	viijs.
		„ for Washing	v <i>℥</i> d.

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A.D. m.vc.lxx. i.e., 1559-60 for 1558-59.

HARRY WYLLS AND RYCHARD BYSSE, WARDENS.

[No items. Due to Wardens] xjs. viij*℥*d.

A.D. m.vc.lxx. i.e., 1560-61 for 1559-60.

JOSEPH CARTER AND THOM MEAD, WARDENS.

Payd for Visitation	vs.
„ for bred and wyne from passyng Sunday ³ thys day	ijs. iiij <i>℥</i> d.
„ for washing the whole year	xij <i>℥</i> d.
„ for mending of a serpleess	iiij <i>℥</i> d.
Tot.	xixs. xj <i>℥</i> d.

THE END.

[Several pages apparently lost.]

¹ Pines, either (a) pine boughs, used as well as juniper, for purifying the Church : or (b) for torches to be carried by the acolytes.

² Whirl-cock, whirligig.

³ Passion Sunday.

Pilton:

Circumstances of the Place.



Glastonbury Abbey was the Lord of the Manor including Wootton (an acreage of 7,139 acres), and sole known Landowner. The Abbot kept the Manor-house close to the Church fit for his occasional residence. He had there a park, a vineyard, and a large demesne, on which stood and stands a noble barn.

THE CHURCH

Was dedicated to St. John the Baptist. Our Lady's Altar stood in the North Aisle. The women seem to have used that part as their special chapel and place of offering. There were two guilds, that of St. John the Baptist, and that of the Hogglers, who maintained a light at some altar unnamed. The Church-house, called St. Mary House, repaired in 3rd of Hen. VIII., and now standing, afforded ample room for all the brotherhood meetings and festivities. The Rectory, valued in 1537 at £24 6s. 3d. nett, was appropriated under a compact with the Abbey, the original patron, by Bishop Savaric, *circa* 1200, to the Precentorship of the Cathedral. The Precentor thenceforth nominated the Vicar to the Bishop for Institution. The Chapter, in lieu of the Archdeacon, gave induction, but the disciplinary authority of the Ordinary was vested in the Precentor.

The rectorial and vicarial houses with their tithe-barns must have formed part of the surroundings of the Church. The Vicar was bound to serve North Wootton Chapel.

FISCAL SYSTEM.

Until the year 1530 a single Warden administered the parish funds. He alone was responsible to the visiting authority, and accounted to the parishioners, but under him there were—it would seem—no less than four pairs of Wardens, viz., Our Lady Wardens, those of S. John's Brotherhood, those of the High Light on the rood-loft, and those of the Key, Kye or Cows, the form of live-stock by which the rich pastures could best render their tribute to the Church. A Key-warden's Account will be seen on p. 64, but dateless. Each cow, it will be seen, had a surety, "borow" or "pledge" to certify her good treatment. A large proportion of parishioners was in these manifold ways engaged in the responsible service of the Church. Save only a few small gifts from the wealthy, the funds flowed from within, and always sufficed.

NORTH WOOTTON.

This Chapelry had its pair of Wardens, who were presumably answerable directly to the diocesan authority for the fabric and its offices. Besides a subsidy to the Easter light of Pilton, they paid 3s. 4d. per annum to the Mother Church, the usual form of recognizing a daughter's former dependence. In the Chapel there was a Light endowed with six acres of land yielding 10s. when confiscated to the King in 1548. [See Som. Rec. Soc., Vol. II.]

THE CHURCH-BOOKS.

Vol. I contains two leaves of parchment, the rest of paper. It is bound in parchment, measuring 11½-in by 7¼-in. It is made up of three pieces, the first enclosed in parchment with eight sheets within. Of the second and third no less than seven leaves are maimed or cut away.

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¹ Succeeded by John Watts, whose account is lost.

¹Inventorium omnium bonorum ecclesie parochialis Sti Johannis Baptiste de pulton factum p Willelm. Jones vicarium eiusdem ecclesie et pochianos tempore Willelmi Knoll gardiani vicesimo quinto die mensis Aprilis die Sti Marcii. Anno Dni millesimo quingentesimo septimo² et anno Henrici septimi vicesimo³ [the year has been altered by a later reviser's hand to "xliiij⁴ of Hen. VIII,"⁵ and a note added. viz.] V nobiles ad Stum Jacobum.

fyrste iij Crosses one of Copyr and gylte with Mary and John and a staffe of copyr and gylte.
 Item ij other Crosses of tree and sylvered uppon.
 Item a pyxte of sylver to bere yn the sacrament.
 Item ij sylver candelstikes.
 Item iij chalys one gylte weying . . . [blank].
 Item one littel chalys half gylte weying . . .
 Item one chalys parcell gylte, weying . . .
 Item one stonding maser to serve for Brydes at theyr weddyng, weying . . .
 Item one paxbrede of sylver parcell gylte of the gyfte of William Mowett and Alis is wiff weying . . .
 Item Rynges sylver and gylte xxxiij and viij besyds our lady mantell and xiij in the mantell with saynte James schell of sylver and other broches.
 Item ij Clappesys of silver that was uppon the ordinal.
 Item a maser off the border sylver and gylte ye gyft of Walter Sargent.
 Item for ij Rynges one ye bequeste of Anys Symond.
 Item ffor a nother off the quest of Alyss of quortt.
 . . . of ppull sylke harnes wt. sylver. vacat.⁶
 . . . of . . . Capell of Pennard by quest of William dere for xs. vacat.
 of . . . of . . . Calowe ys biqueste of sylver and gylte. vacat.
 Itm. Ryngs iij.
 Sma. of Ryngs, xxxiij xxx [erased].

ffyrste a hole sewte of Pleyne damaske of the biqueste of Walt. Wry wt. a cope of whyte and hanckyngs for the hyght aut [er].
 Itm. a hole sewte of grene wt. a cope.

¹ The heading and the whole list has undergone at least two revisions and two checkings of the inventory.

² Altered to xxxix as if to make it 1539 Ap. 25, 1539 = 31 Hen. VIII.

³ Altered to octavi followed by something illegible, probably at first scdō. April 25, 1507 = 22 Hen. VII.

⁴ Belongs probably to date as last altered, 1544.

⁵ The King having died in his 38th regnal year, this was a scribe's error.

⁶ I.e., the article was dropped from the inventory.

- Itm. a westement of grene wellwett of John Wry is biquest.
 Itm. a westement of blewe damaske of Edm. Selepark biquest.
 Itm. a westement of whyte wt. skalloppeys schells.
 and ij Chesabylls of whyte and sylver of the biquest of panys.
 Itm. a westement of . . . and grene of Ser Thomas Wade biquest.
 Itm. a westement of whyte of doctor Sugar¹ biquest.
 Itm. a westement of (whyte) for lent.
 Itm. a westement of blacke.
 Itm. a westement of flowerey saten of master Thomas Bolen² bequest.
 Item a grene westement of grene.
 Item a worse westement of grene.
 Item a westement of grene of ser Johan Wullners biqueste.
 Item a cope of redde wt. grene bawderyck.
 Item a cope of grene.
 Item a hangkyng of whyte damaske branched wt. flowres and ij Curtene of whyte Sarton of the gyfte of Agnes Rickeland and a hangkyng for the aut of whyte sylke sett wt. flowres browdered and a crucifixe in the mydde of the gyfte of my lorde Edmund (?) channl of Wells.
 Item a cope of redde velvet ~~MS.~~
 Item a peace of westement of redde welvet with bere.
 Item on hanerykyng with ij curtens steyned of the gift of John W——
 Item on hangyng for the high auter of saynte Johan Baptist and saynte Johan Evangelyste.
 Item iij stenyed clothes at saynt Kateryn and saynt Nicholas auter.
 Item a canype steyned to hold over the sacrament Corpus Christi ys day.
 Item iij baner clothes of sylke steyned with our Lady and saynt Johan Baptist and the signes of the passyon.
 Item ij other baner clothes of sylke of the gyfte of Alys Volks.
 Item a mantell of purpull wellwent and parseled with black wellwent of John.
 Item a mantell of blew wellwent for our lady at the Wante [font?].
 Item a palle, Item ij other baner clothes of cloth and ij other steyned clothes, one of saynt Katyn and others.
 { Fyrste a masse boke of master Thomas Bolen bequest.
 Item a masse boke prynted. Item ij baner clothes of ye pascion.
 Item ij old massebokes. Item a pillo of purpyll velvett.
 Item a grayle noted.
 Item a prosessionary covered with blacke
 Item iiij prosessionaries prynted.
 Item a quayer of the newe feste notyd
 Item a manuel boke. Item a manel boke prynted.
 Item an ordinall and a festivall.
 Item an old portuas and ij old antiphoners.
 Item . . . of other olde bokes.
 Item and ij new bokes—a manuel boke
 Item a grett portuas of prynte.

The bokes of ye Church

¹ One of Bp. Beckington's executors.² Precentor, 1451-1471

Item iiij Serples.
 Item auter clothes, iij of Johan Wardeford bequeste.
 Item xxxij Kercheffes grete and smale for images.
 Item a clothe for the sepulcre steyned.
 Item steyned clothes for lent steyned wyth the signes of ye pascion.
 Item a kerchoff of John Howder.
 Item iiij Auter clothys and ij Kerchoffs.
 Item vj erds of redde saye and vj of grene.
 Item iij corporas casse of velvett.

Firste a grete brasse pott, of John Warde biqueste.
 Item six other brasse pots and iiij pannys.
 Item viij tabyll clothes.
 Item j basen and j laver of laten.
 Item a pollyse of iron and ij polys [pulleys] of brass nowe beying at Pyll.
 Item a slegge to breke stones at the quarey.
 Item a bollte of iron and grete crokes and a chayne of iron.
 Item a payer of vestymenttes of whyt of the bequeste of Willyam Fowllys ye wyche is of
 whyt Damaske.
 Item a payer of Vestymentes of Rede Velvett of the bequeste of my lorde of Glastynbery.
 Item xxj polle of puter vessell.
 Item iij brochys and brondeyron.
 Item iij sponys of silver of the gift of Wat. Sargent.
 Item j spone . . . Johan Geteven.
 Item j spone . . . Agnes.
 Item an oyle vatte of sylver.
 Item j lytell boxe of silver and gelt of master Chanter bequest, of doctor Pirse¹ byquest.
 Item vj spones of John Holder bequest.
 And a maser with a bande of silver a pere of bedes of jete with xij gaudes of sylver.
 Item a

[The next entries are scribblings on a page left blank between Warden Knoll's receipts and payments. The first entry states the number of Rings in stock in 1500. It recurs below. The numbers and dates are confused by repeated alterations, which mar the value of the record.]

The Some of Rynges in the ere of our Lord Gode mcccc [xxli, xli]² and a crusifix.
 Item [i]ij² Rynges.
 Item the receipt of Rynges yn my yere.
 Firste receved of Issabel Hayne bequeste j rynges.
 Item receved of Margarete Coke ys bequest ij rynges.
 Item receved of Johan Calowe ys bequeste j rynges and saynt James schell.

¹ Dr. Piers. Precentor, 1513-1535.

² Evidently altered from time to time.

Item receved of Alys Trynme ys bequeste j rynges.

„ „ Margery Danyell „ j rynges.

„ „ Alys Torner „ j rynges.

„ „ Johan Barette „ j rynges.

Item John Kanerde a cowe the gift of John Brok p'ci [price] the cow—xjs. viij*℥*. the hyre xx*℥*.

The summe of rynges in the ere of our Lord Gode mccccxxxix, xxv and a crusifix.

Item a gerdyll with vj stodes of silver with a bokyll and a pendend of sylver of the gift of angnis [Agnes] Bokeland.

Itm one spruc.

Competus Willm. Knoll gardiani ecclesie pochialis Sti Johannis Baptiste die Sti Marcii die Mensis Aprilis Anno Dni millesimo quingentesimo octavo.

Fyrst Receved of Wm. Champyon for Thomas Chaundeler vii. xs. viij*℥*.

Item Receved of Willyam Townysende and John Dore for Key Whyt¹ ix*s*. v*℥*.

Item receved of Willyam Tucky vjs. viij*℥*.

Item receved of Estyr Lyzght xvjs.

„ „ Wotton for Estyr Lyzght vs.

„ „ Johan Brousse vjs. viij*℥*.

„ „ Willyam Mylleward ijs.

„ „ Willyam Dore the elder viij*℥*.

„ „ John Wattes vs.

„ „ Thomas Chaundelere iijs. iiij*℥*.

„ „ John Brousse of Compton vijs.

„ „ John Elyns iijs. v*℥*.

„ „ Alys Tornere iijs. iiij*℥*.

„ „ Walter Sergeant the elder xiijs.

„ „ Richart Sergeant ijs. iiij*℥*.

„ „ Richard Mylleward v*℥*.

„ „ John Wrye xx*℥*.

„ „ Wylyam Mere xij*℥*.

„ „ Margetete Wallter ys byqueste xx*℥*.

„ „ Ric. Mylleward ys biqueste xij*℥*.

„ „ Agnes Natteley ys biqueste viij*℥*.

„ „ John Smyth and Johan Canard our lady wardens lvjs. ix*℥*.

Item Receved of Wm. Dyke iijs. v*℥*.

„ „ for the Sepulture of John Dore vjs. viij*℥*.

„ „ of the biquet of John Man xij*℥*.

Item receved of the parish gathering for the coueryng of the rode lozffte viijs. ij*℥*.

Sm. xiiij*℥*. xiijs. viij*℥*.

¹ Before the commutation of tithe, 1835, "Cow-white" was the customary term for the fixed payment, or modus, due to the Vicar in lieu of the tenth of milk. In this case the sum paid by the Cow-Wardens must have been the yield of the milk of their Herd. See their account, p. 64, to the Warden for the benefit of the Church.

First payed and delivered to John Smyȝth and John Canard our lady wardens	xxs.
Item payed to dd. [David] Jonys the peynter of the Rode loȝthe the xijth of aprile	xxvjs. viij <i>d</i> .
Item to Wyllyam Ffeyzand sunt [servant] of the sayed dd. on saynt Marke ys day	xiijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Item payed on saynt Marke ys day to the vicar, the clerke, and the ringes for Dyryge of the Benefactours of the chyrche	viiij <i>d</i> .
Item payed for di on [half one] qyer of papyr and di for the boke of a compt	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item for waxe and makyng of Trendell	ijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Item for vij lbs. of waxe and makyng of the same waxe at Estyr	iijs. viij <i>d</i> . ob.
Item for skowryng of the Candillstykes	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item payed to John Foreste, smyth for yron werke for ye Rode loȝfte	ijs. v <i>d</i> .
Item payed to dd. Jonys peynter at diuise tymes for hys coste	xd.
Item payed to hym that browȝth a brason pott fro Balysborowe	iiij <i>d</i> .
Itm. for wex and of ij tapers agenst the dedicasyon	vijs. ob.
Itm. payed to the clerke of Saynt John ys fraternyte	xd.
Itm. payed to dd. Jonys peynter the day of the feste of Saynt Petyr and Paule	iiij <i>l</i> . vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
Item for a lowans of badde grotes cryppe ¹	iijs. ij <i>d</i> .
Item Reckshokes and gret pynnys for the Auters	j <i>d</i> .
Item for Reparacyons of the Bawdryckes of the bellys	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item for the reparacyons of the Churchhey gates	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item payed to the peynters	xiijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Item payed to Edward Holdyn for the peynters tabyll	vs.
Item payed to the plumere	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
Itm. for my labor on[e] day	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item for the mowying of the churche hey	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item payed to the peynters	xxvjs. viij <i>d</i> .
” ” ”	xlvijs. j <i>d</i> .
Item payed to the clerke for his ernest peny	j <i>d</i> .
Item payed for the makyng of saynt Nicholas ys staffe	j <i>d</i> .
Item payed for the makyng of a tapere	j <i>d</i> .
. makyng of ij tapers agenste the feste of the Nat. of Cryste	xd. ob.
Item payed for xij ellys of lenyn clothe for the Rode loȝfte	vijs. vij <i>d</i> .
Item for lynes and rynges for the sayed clothe	vij <i>d</i> .
Item for waschyng of the churche clothes	xvj <i>d</i> .
. wrytyng of myne a compte	viiij <i>d</i> .

Reste to the churche clere xvjs. viij^d. ob.

¹ Used again in p. 60 = clipped coin.

Competus Willm Wowlys gardiani ecclesie pochialis sti Johannis Baptiste de Pullton
in die Sti Marcii Evangeliste A^o Dni millesimo quingentesimo nono et anno
Henrici Octavi p'mo.

RECEPT.

Firste received of on Estir Day		xvjs. jd.
Item R. of Willyam Knoll		xvjs. viijd.
„ John Holler		xxxs.
„ Herbert Kerver		xs.
„ yong men lyght		iijs. vijd.
„ the bequestse of John Deran ys dowter		xijd.
„ „ Thomas Townisende		vjd.
„ „ John Rede		iiijd.
„ for a peyr of bedes of the biqueste of John Hollere ys wyff.		
Item of Wotton Estyre lyght.		
„ R. for a peyr of bedys geete		viijd.
„ R. of the biquest of Johan Denam		xijd.
„ R. of Thomas Schepard		ixs. iiij½d.
„ R. of John Brusse and John Ragg		vjs.
„ R. of Robert Kerver		xxs.

DETT.

John Browsse and John Ragg		vjs.
Robert Kerver		xxs.
Wm. Stewyns		xxxs.
Item for viij yere j cowe		viijjs.
. . . John Bigoy		iijs. ivd.
Sum tot. recep		vjd. xjs. vijd. ob.

Solluciones ejusdem Willm Gardiani.

EXPENSE.

First payed for viij lbs. wax agenst Estir		iijs.
Item the making		ijd.
Item delyved to John Holler, our lady Warden		xs.
Item for Dyryge Messe for ye benefactors on saynt Marke is day		viijd.
Item for Waschyng or Whytyng of the church		vjs.
Item for lyme and pargytyng		xviijd.
„ for a paylo		iiijd.
Item payed to John Wardeford for pargytyng of the tour and stoppynt of the skaffold holys		iiijd.
Item for on yron for the ledde at saynt Mary housse xv li. di [15½ lb.]		xijd.
It. a putteful of erth		ijd.
It. j lb. of waxe to renewe the p'ket' [pricket] agenst Wittsonday and the making		viijd.

Item for skowryng of the Candellstyckes	iiij <i>℥</i> .
Item for mowying of the chirchyard	iiij <i>℥</i> .
„ wax for the trendell and makying	ijs. v <i>℥</i> ℥.
„ wax and makying of ij tapers	ix <i>℥</i> .
„ „ „ at y ^e Dedicacyon	xiiij <i>℥</i> .
Item for ij newe bele ropys	xv <i>℥</i> .
„ mendying of Beer [bier]	ij <i>℥</i> .
Item delivered to Robert Kerver	xs.
„ „ Willm. Sergeant and John Canard	xls.
Item for wax and makying of ij tapers agenst the Feste of the Nat. of Cryste	xiiij <i>℥</i> .
Item lether and reparacyon of y ^e bawderickes	v <i>℥</i> ℥.
Item for oyle for the bellys	ij <i>℥</i> .
Item the plumber and sawder	viiij <i>℥</i> .
Item payed to proctour of saynt John is fraternite	x <i>℥</i> .
Item payed to Thomas Man for a Riage [arrearage] of a compe of a more sum for saynt Mary house	vjs. viij <i>℥</i> .
Item for waschyng of the churche clothes	xv <i>℥</i> ℥.
Item for mendying of the cope	ij <i>℥</i> .
Item for wrytyng and makying of the boke of a compte	viiij <i>℥</i> .
Sm. iiij <i>℥</i> . xiijs. viij <i>℥</i> .	
Reste to the church clere	xxxvjs. x <i>℥</i> ℥. ob.

The Recept of John Capell.

Competus Johannis Capell XXV^o die Mensis Aprilis Anno Dni millesimo quingentesimo decimo et Anno p^{mo} Henrici octavi.

Firste of Wyllyam Wowlys Warden next by for hym in money the daye of a compte	xxxvjs. x <i>℥</i> ℥. ob.
Item receved of Estyr lyzghte of Pyllton Estyr Day	xvjs. iiij <i>℥</i> .
Item receved of the biqueste of John Brederyppe of Pylle	xij <i>℥</i> .
Item receved of John Deverell and Wm. Rug, Wardens of Wotton	vs.
Item from Wyllyam Sergeant and John Canard saynt Mary Wardens	lvs. v <i>℥</i> ℥.
Item for Issabell Man for hokelyng lyzghte	ij <i>℥</i> .
Item of John Forest for his mother bequest	xij <i>℥</i> . and a ryng.
Item receved of Richard Merke ys bequest	^{xx} vij lbs. of ledde.
Sm. vi <i>℥</i> . xvijs. ix <i>℥</i> ℥. ob.	

The costes of the same yere above rehersyd.

Fyrste payed to John Sergeant	vjs. viij <i>℥</i> .
Item payed to Richard Shete	iiij <i>℥</i> .
Item for viij lb. wexe agenst Estyr Day, the Paschall want [font] tap and ij tapers	ivs. viij <i>℥</i> .
Item for dryrge messe for the benefactors on saynte Marke is day	viij <i>℥</i> .
Item for a rope for the Trendell	ix <i>℥</i> .
Item for a key for the cofyrs that Wm. Schepard gave	ij <i>℥</i> .

Item for waxe and makyng of iiij tapers the dedicacyon day	ijs. iiij <i>℥</i> . ob.
Item payed to the plumber, sawder, and his labour	ijs. v <i>℥</i> .
Item a laborer to serve hym	v <i>℥</i> .
Item for a plancke to rayse the ledde	i <i>℥</i> .
Item for skowryng of the Candellstyckes	iiij <i>℥</i> .
Item for iij newe belle ropys	xx <i>℥</i> .
Item for mowyng of the churcheyard	iiij <i>℥</i> .
Item payed to the pcto. [proctor] of saynt John ys fraternite	x <i>℥</i> .
Item for a new lantern	v <i>℥</i> .
Item for a locke for the towr door	i <i>℥</i> .
Item for a newe spade and showell	x <i>℥</i> .
Item for sope and waschyng of the Corporas	i <i>℥</i> .
Item for lynes for lente clothes	v <i>℥</i> .
Item for reparyng of beer	i <i>℥</i> .
Item for oyllyng of the bellys	i <i>℥</i> .
Item for reparyng of the bawderyckes	iiij <i>℥</i> .
Item for iij lb. of waxe and makynge of iiij tapers agenst Nat. Di.	xx <i>℥</i> . ob.
Item for makyng of a newe gate yn the Churchyard, bordes, tymbir and ij lode stones xxii <i>℥</i> . ob.	
Item for setting of free stones that John Wardeford gave	j <i>℥</i> .
Item for waschyng of the churche clothes and ye kercheff of y ^e canepy	xv <i>℥</i> .
Item for wrytyng of the a compte	x <i>℥</i> .
Sm. xxxjs. iiij <i>℥</i> . ob.	
Rest to the Church clere	iiij <i>℥</i> . xvijs. i <i>℥</i> .

The Dettes that remayneth the said yere.

Fyrste Wyllyam stevyns for iij key	xxx <i>℥</i> s.
Item for the heyr of the key	vii <i>℥</i> .
Item John Elyns for hokelyng a yere and a half.	
Item John Baron	iijs. iiij <i>℥</i> .
Item the Vicar that Wyllyam Champyon for	x <i>℥</i> .
Item Thomas Sergeant and John Paty wardens of the hyghe crosse lyght	iijs. iiij <i>℥</i> .
Item Wyllyam Wowlys for hys ere for Wotton.	
The Rynges John Capel ys Dayer. ¹	
Sm. of all the rynges ^{xx} v. vij. [<i>i.e.</i> , 127.]	
Item a ryng Joha Wardeford.	
Md. that Tomas Sergeant oweth to ye cyrch	xiij <i>℥</i> .

¹ *i.e.*, Dairyman.

Competus Thomæ Cawndeler factus in die Sti Marcii XXV^o die Mensis Aprilis
Anno Dni millesimo quingentesimo septimo, et Anno Regni Regis Henrici
septimi vicesimo secundo vel¹ 3^o.

THE RECEPT.

Fyrste receved of Estyr lyghte Ester Day	xvjs. viij <i>d</i> .
Item receved of Wotton for Ester lyghte	vs.
Item for yong men lyght	iijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Item for one peyr of Bedys	viij <i>d</i> .
Item receved of Wyllyam Champyon	lixs. xd.
Item receved of our Lady wardens John Wylkyns and John Man	iiij <i>l</i> . vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
Sm. tot Recepcois vij <i>l</i> . xiijs. ij <i>d</i> .	

IN ANNO REGNI REGIS xxiiij [later hand].

Item in rynges sylver and gylt xxvj.
j wt. a crusifix.
Item on rynge.

Followeth the costes of the sayed Cawndeler churchwarden of Pulton the yei
moneth and daye afore wrytte

Fyrst for making of Estur lyght	iijs. xj <i>d</i> .
Item for saynt John is lyght	iijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Item for makying of the lyght at the Nat. of Criste	xiiij <i>d</i> .
Item payed to saynt [John] ys fraternite	xd.
Item payed on saynt Marke ys day for dirige and messe for the benefactors of the Church	vj <i>d</i> .
Item for waschyng of church kercheffes	vd. ob.
Item for makying of a newe gate agen churchchey	ijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Item for mendying of the howsyng over the crucifixe	viij <i>d</i> .
Item for mendying of the ber and the skaffold	xx <i>d</i> .
Item for one lyne for the canapy and naylys	ij <i>d</i> .
Item payed to the plumer	xvj <i>d</i> .
Item for my labour with the plumer and the schaffold	vj <i>d</i> .
Item delivered to Wyllyam Townisende	xs.
Item to Richard Sergeant for payying of the tour	ijs. ij <i>d</i> .
Item for waschyng	xij <i>d</i> .
Item for makying of the churchhey gate, nayles, and j barr	xiiij <i>d</i> .
Item for the yer of Ric. Sergeant for saynt John is fraternite	xd.
Item for mendying of the baner clothe of our lady	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item for skowryng of the candelstyckes	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item for mowying of the churchhey	ij <i>d</i> .
Item delivered to the Vicar and Wyllyam Vowlys yn crypped grotes	xjs.

¹ In spite of the endeavours of later hands to correct the original error, the true date of this Audit must remain unsettled. The XXIInd year of Hen. VII, ran from Aug. 22, 1506, to Aug. 21, 1507.

Item a lowans for Robert Herdewyke and William for they w ^t hold Estyr lyghte	iiij <i>℥</i> .
Item for blessing of ij corporas and j auter clothe	ij <i>℥</i> .
Item Wyllyam Mylleward w ^t hold frome	ijs.
Item for the Ryngers on saynt Marke is day	ij <i>℥</i> .

Sm. total xliijs.

Et sic remanet clere ecclesiæ	v <i>℥</i> . xvjs. ij <i>℥</i> .
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Competus Johannis Brousse gardiani ecclesie pochialis de Pullton, in die Sti Marci,
Evangelist. A^o Dni millesimo quingentesimo xj^o.

Recept ejusdem gardiani.

Fyrst Receved on Estyr day for the hy crosse lyght	xvs. x <i>℥</i> .
Item receved of the wardens of Wotton	iiijs. viij <i>℥</i> .
Item receved of John Cabell of the Church stocke	ii <i>℥</i> . xvjs. ij <i>℥</i> .
Item receved of Thomas Sergeant and John Style lady wardens	xlvijs. iiij <i>℥</i> .
Item receved of John Broderyppe and Wyllyam dore our lady lyz ^g th	viijs. ij <i>℥</i> .
Item receved of John More and William Wowlys	vs. j <i>℥</i> .
. . . receved of John Wardeforde ys bequest	viij <i>℥</i> .
. Johan Wardeforde ys	iiij <i>℥</i> .
. John Wry ys bequest	xiijs. iiij <i>℥</i> .

Sm. viij*℥*. xjs. v*℥*. ob.

Item the coste of the clocke this same yere content and payed and performed bi the
vicar Wyllyam Jonys and the parishioners iiij*℥*. viijs. viij*℥*.
out of the warden ys a compte part.

The dettes [*i.e.*, Arrears due] belongyng to the Church of Pullton over the a compte
of the sayed John Brousse, of Compton, and be longyng to John Brousse over
his a compte.

Wyllyam Stevyns for iij Key	xxxs.
Item for the hyr of the sayed Key	viijs.
Item John Elyns for hokelyng lyght his part with John Man.	
Item Thomas Sergeant and John Paty	iiijs. iiij <i>℥</i> .
Item Robert Kerver	xs.
Item Johan Brousse	xviiij <i>℥</i> .
Item the hy crosse lyghte of Wotton, Thomas Grene and Thomas Cleament wardens.	
Item of the l:y crosse lyghte part behynd in the yer of John Brousse of Compton.	

The Costys of the sayed John Brousse.

Fyrste for Estyr lyz ^g th	vs. v <i>℥</i> .
Item for the dryrge for the benefactours on saynt Marke ys day	viij <i>℥</i> .
Item for mendyng of the clepers of the bellys	iiijs.
Item for mendyng of the shorpells [surplices]	iiij <i>℥</i> .
Item for the skowryng of the Candellstyeck	iiij <i>℥</i> .

Item for mak yng of the benche on the sou3th side of the chirche and stares [stairs]	. iijs.
Item for ij tapers agenst trinyte tide	xxd.
. the dedicacyon day	xxd.
Item payd to the clerke of saynt [John] ys fraternite	xd.
Item for mow yng of the churchyard	iiijd.
Item for casting of ij new smale bellys	ijs.
Item for ij tapers at ye feste of ye Nativite of Criste	xviijd.
Item for ij quarters of lyme	viiijd.
Item for the new hand yng of the bellys	ijs. vjd.
Item for mak yng of the trendyll	ijs. xd.
Item for mak yng of the bawdryckes and gress yng	vjd.
Item for waschyng of the chyrche ornaments	xvjd.
Item for the smyth for mend yng of the clocke	iiijd.
Item for vyre and mend yng of the hamer	xd.
Item for the warn yng bell and iiij polysse	ijs. viijd.
Item for ij ropys for the grete peysse and the lytyll peysse ¹	xviijd.
Item for a peyc of and iij bordes	xvjd.
Item for nayles and tock ynge gyrdell	vd.
Item for a locke	iiijd.
Item for cast yng of the peyses and mak yng of the dore	vijd.
Item for John Browse for vij days yn the chyrche worke and poyntyng of the logge	ijs.
Item for Ric. Shete for Rydyng of the chyryard	iiijd.
Item for wryt yng of the boke a compte	viijd.
Sm.	xlis. vijd.
Sic restat clere ecclesie de Pollton supra debita	vjd. ijs. iiijd.
et remanet in manus John Browse de Pullton gardiani.	

Et supra competum predictum remanet ecclesie omnia debita ut supra, et de illis qui sunt a retro p. luminibus alte crucis annorum Johannis Brousse de Compton et Johannis Brousse de Pyllton.

xx.
Numerus annulorum v. viij. [*i.e.*, 108] præterannulum Johanne Brousse nuper defunctæ.

Item the increse of the churche Key of Pulton in the yere of Ric. Sergeand and

Numerus vaccarum et in quorum manibus sunt vaccæ et nomina de plegge vaccarum.

Johes Shepart of Compton receve plegge for a cowe for John Shepart of Benagre his son

xs.

¹ Peysse = Clock Weight.

Item a boxe with a xj dedys wrytynge.

Item the encrease of rynges to the church in the yere of John Canard and John

Sargeant xxvj.

Competus Johannis Brousse de Pullton gardiani ecclesie pochialis Sti Johannis
Baptiste xiiij die mensis Maie die Sti Marci Evang. anno Regni regis Henrici
octavi tertio.

RECEPCIONES EJUSDEM JOHIS BROUSSE CUM DEBITIS.

Fyrste receved of John Brousse of Compton late warden vj*li*. x*l*d.

Item rec. on Estyr Day in Pullton is Cherche for heyth crosse light xvs. iiij*d*.

Item rec. of John Ede and John Burford our lady Wardens encesse xlvs. viij*d*.

Item rec. of John Galantonn and Thomas Collys wardens of the cherche of Wotton
iijs. viij*d*.

Item rec. of the bequeste of Johan Brousse of Pulltonn xvij*d*.
Sm. ix*li*. xs. vj*d*.

The costys of the sayed John Brousse, Warden.

Fyrst payed for Estir lyght wex and makyng iijs. v*d*.

Item for dryge and masse on saynt Marke is day for the benefactours viij*d*.

Item for waschyng of the corporas and sope ij*d*.

Item for a bokyll for a bawderike ij*d*.

Item for ij newe bawdericks xiiij*d*.

Item for iiij tapys agenste the feste of saynt John Bapt^e xviij*d*.

Item paid to the proctor of saynt John Bapt^e fraternite x*d*.

Item paid to y^e glasyere xviij*d*.

Item for wexe and makyng of iiij tapys agenste dedicacyon day ijs. ij*d*.

Item paid to John Horsley parisch clerke for kepyng of the clocke xl*d*.

Item for skowryng of ye grete candellstick iiij*d*.

Item for mowryng of ye chercheyard iiij*d*.

Item for a new processonary printed xvj*d*.

Item in expensis to Wells to bey the boke ij*d*.

Item for viij ells of lenyng cloth for a surpeles for the Vicar vjs.

Item for makyng of the surpeles iijs. j*d*.

Item for v yards of lenyn clothe and makyng of a surpeles for ye clerke xx*d*.

Item for waxe and makyng of iiij tapys agenste the feste of the Nativite of Criste iijs. j*d*.

Item for gresyng of the bellys j*d*.

Item for waschyng of the chyrche clothes xvj*d*.

Item for wrytyng of the a compte xij*d*.

Sm. xxxiijs. ij*d*.

The costes of Saynte Mary house now Reparying.

Item paied to John Sergeant, John Brouse and William Knoll	xxs. iij <i>d</i> .
Item for lathe and nayle	v <i>d</i> .
Item for ij.c [= 200] lathes	xx <i>d</i> .
Item for cariage of iij lode tymbyr	iijs. v <i>d</i> .
Item for stones and caryage	xix <i>d</i> .
Item iij.c rede ¹ [300 bundles of reed]	ijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Item j.c rede of Margyry Wry	xxij <i>d</i> .
Item iij.c rede of William Wowle	ijs. iij <i>d</i> .
Item ij.c rede of the Vicar	xij <i>d</i> .
Item Philippe Gele for drawyng of lead	v <i>d</i> .
Item for helpe to sett the tymper	xix <i>d</i> .
Item for castyng of the ledde	ijs. iij <i>d</i> .

Sm. xxxixs. iij*d*.

Sm. tot. Reparacionis iij*l*. xijs. iij*d*.

Sm. tot. Recepcionis ix*l*. xs. v*d*.

Alloc. [Allocatur, there is allowed] pro reparacionibus iij*l*. xijs. iij*d*.

Sic remanet clare supra onera ecclie de Pullton v*l*. vjs. viij*d*.

Præter debita quæ sequuntur singulis nominibus cum debitis.

Willm Stevyns pro 3 bus vaccis [vaccis] xxxs.

Item pro redditu illarum vaccarum viijs

Item John Elyns for hoggelyng lyght ijs.

Item Thomas Sergeant John Paty wardens of the hygh crosse lyght xiiij*d*.

Item John Pennard and John Donkurton vs. i*d*.

Item Thomas Grene of Wotton and Thomas Clement for hyghe crosse lyght.

Item Christian Kelly the bequeste of Water Kelly her husbant for his sepulture vjs. viij*d*.

Ric. Sergeant and Willyam Canard, Wardens of the churche Key,
the a compte for iij yers.

Firste for the hyr of vj key ij ere xijs.

of this sm. provided a cowe more except v*d*. ob.

Item for the iij yer the hire of the key vjs.

over all charges remaneth to the chirche stocke iijs.

The names of them that hath the key to hyr wt. ther borows and plegge.

Fyrste John Elyns j cowe.

Item William Canard of Estn [*i.e.*, Eastern] Compton j cowe plegge John Canard.

Item Johan Knoll a cowe plegge Johan pennard.

Item John Dunkerton a cowe plegge Johan Baron.

Item Johan Brouse of Pulton a cowe plegge Ric. Sergeant.

Wyllyam Knoll a cowe plegge Wyllam Canard.

Stephans Aylwarde for a cowe, plege Wylelm Aylwarde at Crosse.

John Tounysende of Westcompton a cowe plege Edward Holdson.

Itm. Rob. Stoke a cowe precio xiijs. iiij*d*. plege John Mog John Wardeford.

¹ Straw unthreshed and prepared by bleaching for the thatcher.

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Anno Regni regis Henrici Sept. xv. [A.D. 1499.]

A remembrans off the chyrche gods longyng to the wardyns,¹ fyrst a sewte of blew damaske
branchyde of Wat. Frys byquest wt. a kope to the same.

secunde a sewte of grene wt. a kope too the same.

Itm. a blew westmente off Chris [*i.e.*, Christopher] Paddocke byqueste.

Md. of the Kye and the encesse the fyrste day of the moneth of may the yere of
our Lord God mccccv, Wylyam Townsende and John Dere, Wardens.

Fyrste for vj Key ij yeres	xijs.
Alloc. for the makyng of the sepultur taper	ijs. ix <i>℥</i> .
Rests clere to the chirche	ixs. v <i>℥</i> .
Delyvered to William Knoll ² . [See p. 54]	ixs. v <i>℥</i> .
Remanet in the handes of John Baron	iijs. x <i>℥</i> .

A remembrance of the chirche dettys the firste day of the moneth may, A^o Dni
millesimo quingentesimo septimo.

Fyrste John Browse	vjs.	Item William Fenor	vij <i>℥</i> .
Item William Tucky	vjs. vij <i>℥</i> .	„ John Ewan	iijs. v <i>℥</i> .
„ Alys Torner	iijs. iiij <i>℥</i> .	„ William Mylleward the yonger	ijs.
„ Johan Brousse	vjs. vij <i>℥</i> .	„ William Dyke	vjs. v <i>℥</i> .
„ Walter Sergeant the yelder	xvjs.	„ Thomas Chaundeler	iijs. iiij <i>℥</i> .
„ John Flyns	ijs. ix <i>℥</i> .		
Sm. Tot.		iiij <i>℥</i> . v <i>℥</i> .	
Item Willyam Stevyns			xxxxs.

Anno Regis Henrycy the Sevynth, xv.

A remembrance for our ladys mantell wt other thynges longing to the same wardyns fyrst the
mantell selfe off vellett.

Item yn the same mantell off rynges xiiij a flate ryge and square.

Item iiij schellys of seynt Jame.

Item iiij brochys off kyng henry and one lytyll broche.

Item a peyr of bedes off ambur wt gette gaydys.

Item a peyr of gette bedes off Margaret Martyn byquest.

yn the same bedes owte off the mantell.

Item one peyr off gette bedys off Jo. Smyth byquest.

Item another bedys off gette of Johan Hallere bequest.

¹ This very small stock must have belonged, not to the parish but to Our Lady's Wardens.

² To the High Warden for the High Light. In 1548, three cows, the remnant of this herd, were seized for the King on the ground of their being given for maintenance of the High Light in the Church. The hire, *i.e.*, rent paid by the dairyman for the cows' milk was 2s. per annum.

Item a peyr of bede of gette wt gawdes wt a buckell of silver.
 Item a peyr of lanbur [amber] bedys off Margaret Spycer byquest to o^r lady yn the quer.
 Item a kercow off alson borford byquest and a zetter.
 Item a kercow and a quetyn [? cushion].

Md. the sum off ryngs yn the streng amowntthyth to lxxxviiij [added afterwards]
 wt other yn the mantell, the nomber lxxxviiij [with 3 more added in a later
 hand].

Item a kerchow to yo ^r lady off goody sergentes by quest.	} An ^o Dni
Item off Margaret Maners by quest a nother kerchow.	
Item iij mo off others by questes.	

Thys boke made xxviiij day off Aprill in the xiiij yere of oure soverayne lord
 Kyng Henry the VIJth [*i.e.*, 1498-9] and ordayne(d) to the chyrche off
 Pylton for a remembrance of all such goodes as long therto and to make &
 tytyll atrew acownttys off all wardens ther withyn and all other things that
 encresse to the same.

To his acowntts cumythe Wyllm. Woky, off Ham, being wardyne yn xiiij yere off
 Kyng Henry the VIJ, and by for the pryste maketh hys acowunte for the yere
 above rehersyd yn thys forme folowyng.

Fyrst resevyd off Water Sergeant the younger, wardyne next by fore hym yn money	vij <i>li</i> . ijs. ob.
Also leyd to the same reseyte to be levyd at thys hys acownttes ij detters.	
Water sergente the elder	vs.
Wyllyam Tutky	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
Item Rec. for Estyr lyȝt off Pylton	xvjs. iiij <i>d</i> .
" " " Wotton	vs. ix <i>d</i> .
Item rec. for my lady Mayow of Croscombe off by queste	xijs.
Item rec. off Wyllyam Dore off by quest a heffer, p ^{co}	vs. viij <i>d</i> .
Item rec. off old Brusse wyffe	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
Item rec. of the yonger Knolle and Wyllyam Fowlys mane for young men lyȝth	iijs. v <i>d</i> .
Item rec. for scaffold tymber off	xiij <i>d</i> .
Item rec. of Water Sergent younger for scaffold tymber	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item receved of hoglyng money of our lady wardens	vjs.
Item receved of rente for the lede	xx <i>d</i> .
Item receved of our lady wardens	iiij marks, iiijjs.
Item receved of chyrche rente	xviij <i>d</i> .

Sm. totalis Rec. xiiij*li*. xixs.

Md. for coste yn the same yere a bove rehersyd.

Fyrste for vij li waxe at Ester	iijs. ob.
Item for derege one Seynt Markes Day	vij <i>½</i> l.
Item for bell ropys	vij <i>½</i> l.
Item for mending of a candellstycke to John Browse	vd.
Also for my lady Mayowsse derege	vij <i>½</i> l.
Item payed to the payntters	vij <i>½</i> l.
Item payd for ij quarters lyme to the northe wyndow yn oure laydys yele	vij <i>½</i> l.
Item for one powne waxe	vij <i>½</i> l.
Item for making off iij lb. waxe a geynst our dedicacyon day	jd. ob.
Item to the frary clarke	xd.
Item for making klene the bole of the crosse	iiij <i>½</i> l.
Item for making the trendell and the making off iiij tapers with the waxe to the same	iijs. x <i>½</i> l.
Item payd to John Wardeford for takyng downe off the nort wyndow yn our lady yele	xij <i>½</i> l.
Item payd to Robert Carver for making off the Trayle under the rodelofte	iijs. v <i>½</i> l.
Item payd for drawyng off viij lode stonys to making off the chyrcheyerd walle	xv <i>½</i> l.
Item payd to Thomas Akort for caryeg of the same viij lode stonys	xv <i>½</i> l.
Item payd to John Sergent for takyng downe of the north wyndow yn our lady yele	xij <i>½</i> l.
Item for remevying off the scaffold timber	xd.
Item for beryng away the rubbyll	ij <i>½</i> l.
Item for strekyng the wyndows and wallys	iiij <i>½</i> l.
Item for takyng downe the scaffold and for alle [ale]	jd.
Item for mending of a spade and a schowle	ij <i>½</i> l.
Item for gresse to the bellys	jd.
Item for mowyng the chyrche yerd iij tymys	iiij <i>½</i> l.
Item for wassyng the chyrche clothys	xiiij <i>½</i> l.
Item for making of the chyrche yerd walle	iijs. vij <i>½</i> l.
Item for beryng owte off the snow and dryyng off banarse	ij <i>½</i> l.

Md. that Thomas Schetes hate rec. yn hys yere of the wardynwycke yn the xiiij yer off Kyng Henry the VIIth.

Fyrst of Wyllyam Woky of Ham wardyn next by fore hym yn money	xxjs.
Item rec. off our lady wardyns	iiij marke, iijs. v <i>½</i> l.
Item leyde to the same vs. whyche restyth yn Water Sergent hondes	
Item vjs. and vij <i>½</i> l. whych restyth yn Wylm Tuckes hondys	
Item leyed to the same iijs. v <i>½</i> l. whyche restyth yn Thomas A corte handys left off glasyng off the wyndow yn our ladys yele [<i>i.e.</i> , a balance left from the glazing].	
Item for Estyr lyzth of Pylton	xvjs. xd.
. Wutton	iijs. iiij <i>½</i> l.
Item off our lady wardynse	xls.
Item off by queste of Isbell Tyrpyns	v <i>½</i> l.

Item to the bellys for Thomas Schet by quest iiij*d*.
 Item vs. to the encresse off the hye crosselyzth yt. restyth yn Stevens Haynes hande
 and Water Sergent the elder.
 Item for the chyrche lede iiij*d*. off Tho. akort.
 Sm. totalis recevyd vij*li*. xvjs. vj*d*.

MEM. For costes yn same yer. [No entries].

Memorandum that John Wattes yn hys yer of ye wardyn wyke yn ye yer off Kynge
 Henry ye VIIth hath ylded [yielded] up off y^e yn cresse off y^e chyrche of sentt
 John of Babtys.
 Sm. totalys vi*li*. xiijs. vj*d*.

Allsoo y^e seyde John wattes hath resevyd of John¹ Browsse, of Pulton, viij merke.
 Sm. totalis vi*li*. vjs. viij*d*.

[Loose entries in later hands.]

Item. Wylleam Sergentt owynge unto ye churche for yo^r lady lyzt iiij*s*. and vj*d*.
 Item of y^e bequeste of Thomas Grene iijs. iiij*d*. restyng yn y^e honnys of Wylleam
 Jonys.
 Item John Gregory off Barow and Thomas Collys for ther [Wootton] yester lyzt iiij*s*. ij*d*.
 Item Rychard Kynge and Wyllyam Browsse beyng yowng men wardens howynge to
 the churche iijs. iiij*d*.
 Wylm Hobbys oweth to the churche xij*d*.

Competus Johanni [*sic*] Canarde Gardiani ecclie parochie Sti Johis Baptiste die
 Sti Marcii anno Dni m^occccxib^o.

Item recevyd of the Ester lyght xvjs. viij*d*.
 Item recevyd of Water Wekys for y^e Estyr lyght iiij*s*. iiij*d*.
 Item recevyd of Willm Mylward xxs.
 . . . Willm. Stevyns xviijs. save ij*d*.
 . . . John Paty for y^e keypyng of ye hygth crosse lyght xxiij*d*.
 Item receved of Thomas Sargant hys fellowe xij*d*.
 . . . Willm Wylcokes sone ijs.
 . . . of a pore man bequeste to ye bellys iiij*d*.
 . . . John Wattes vjs. viij*d*.
 Summa recepcionis iiij*li*. ix*s*. viij*d*.

Md. that John Canard ys surty to ye chyrch for a brasyn mortar the pryse of . . . vjs. viij*d*.
 [The wyche nobyll ys caste yn ye cownte of the recepcois.]
 Md. that Thomas Eed have recevyd of John Canarde the wolde warden vxxti. s. viij*d*.
 [*i.e.*, £6. os. 8*d*.]

¹ Warden in 1511-12: Watts served in 1512-13, probably.

Md. that of John Brouse ys detter unto y^e cyrche vjs. viij*d*.
 Md. that John Canard yn hys yer the ere off yowr suffryn Kyng Harry y^e VIIJth hatth
 yelde uppe off ye yn cresse [revenue] off ye cherche of Saynt John off Bapptist
 iiij nobylls and hee ys dyschardgyd.

Competus Thomi Ede gardiani ecclie parochialis Sti Johis Baptiste dominica post
 festum Sti Marci, **A.D. m^occcc^oxbo.**

Receptoes ejusdem Thomi Ede cum debitis.

Fyrste receved off John Canard off Pylton late warden	xx vijs. viij <i>d</i> .
Item R. on Estyr Day for the Ester lygth	xvjs. v <i>d</i> .
Item R. off yownglyng lygth	iijs. ix <i>d</i> .
Item R. off yower ladey wardyns	iijs. x <i>d</i> .
. . . . John Brusse at the Elme	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
. . . . yowe of Wotton	iijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
. . . . John Wylcock for a ew [ewe] and lame	xx <i>d</i> .
. . . . John More off y ^e questh off hys weyffe	xij <i>d</i> .
. . . . ye yownglying lygth	vs. ij <i>d</i> .
. . . . y ^e cherche lands	xviij <i>d</i> .
. . . . for y ^e ledde haxyn [lead-ashes]	iijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Sm.	vij <i>li</i> . xvijjs. v <i>d</i> .

The coste of the sayed Thomas Ede, warden.

Fyrste payed for Ester lygth wex and making	iijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Item for dirige and Masse on saynt Marke day for benefactors	viij <i>d</i> .
Item for mending of ye cherche gate	ij <i>d</i> .
Item for making off a key to a lytyll cofer	ij <i>d</i> .
Item to making off y ^e klypper to ye lytyll bell & schyttyng a erde [i.e., casting a mould]	j <i>d</i> . ob.
Item for ye beying iij bussells off axyn [ashes]	iiij <i>d</i> . ob.
Item for y ^e rungyng of y ^e cherche laddyr	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item for y ^e making of a bawderike to y ^e lytyll belle	v <i>d</i> .
Item for ye making off iiij taprys agenst seynt Johne Day.	xv <i>d</i> .
Item for ij lode of wode for ye plumer	iijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Item for nayles for plumer to nayle y ^e ledde	ijs. v <i>d</i> .
Item for lathys and bowrde to make y ^e gutter	vs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Item for heryng [hiring] off workmen abowth cherche workes	ijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Item for to John Baron for y ^e fetyng [fetching] off plumer stuffe att West Penard	v <i>d</i> .
Item for fetyng off flakes [i.e., for the scaffolds] and hurdylls and rede and postes for y ^e plumer	v <i>d</i> .
Item for fechyng xv hundyr off ledde at Mendeypp	xij <i>d</i> .
Item for ye carryng of ye ledde axyn to Chewton	xv <i>d</i> .

Item for y ^e clarke for makyng clenne off ye cherch erd and kyppynge off y ^e clocke	iij s. viij d.
Item paied to y ^e plumer for sowdyr and ys labor	iij pounds.
Item paied to frayry clarke	xd.
Item paied for makyng off iij tapyrres agenst Crystmas	vij d.
Item I bowth off Plumley of Septon iij hundyr ledde y ^e prysse	xjs.
Item for y ^e fetyng xij hundyr ledde att Mendyppe	xlvijs.
Item for y ^e wessing off cherche clothes	ijs.
Item for mendyng and dresyng off iij bells	iiij d.
Item for mendyng off bere	iiij d.
Item for Thomas Edes ys labor the space off xvij days	ijs.
Item for Master Officiall [the Ordinary's judge] costes att y ^e visitacion	xviij d.
Sm.	vij li. xvjs.

Md. that Thomas Ede hath made hys countes byfore y^e pars [parish] the laste daye off Aprille the here off yow^r lorde m^occcc^oxv^o. yn y^e yere off yow^r sufferen kyng Harri the VIIJ, and hatth elde [yielded] uppe to y^e cherche ijs. ij d., the wyche wasse bestowyde amongste y^e clerkes off y^e quere.

Competus Johan Wylkyns xxv die Mensis Aprilis et in anno Dni Milesi^o quingentesimo deci^o sexto.

Item R. off Estyrlyzght	xvjs. xd.
. y ^e youngling wardens	ijs. iiij d.
. John Lane for a pere of bedys	xd.
Item R. off y ^e zonysswyff [son's wife] for Kerchowys.	xviij d.
. off Thomas off oldett [old debt].	xiiij d.
. John Pennard of Howlth	ijs. vj d.
. off John Dunkarton	ijs. vj d.
Item R. off Wyllyam Hobbys off dettes	xij d.
. Wyllyam Canard of Compton	iijs. viij d.
. John Knolle of Compton	iijs. iiij d.
. off Wardyns off Heycroslyth [High Cross Light].	vjs. viij d.
. off wardens of Wotton	iijs.
. off you ^r lady wardyns	vijxxs. viij d.
Item R. off Fowlys for Elys	ijs. ij d.
. off y ^e bequest of John Walter	xijs.
. John Myllard	iiij d.
. Thomas Myllard	iiij d.
. Thomas Ede and John Rogers of bequest	vj d.
. Wyllyam Thownsyn and John Canard bequest	vj d.
. Jane Coppe bequest	xvd.
. John Canard bequest.	ij d.
. off bequest John Vene	ij d.
. Water Myllard	iiij d.

. . .	off M. Kelle	vjs. viij <i>℥</i> .
. . .	Wyllyam Brusse	vjs. viij <i>℥</i> .
. . .	Wyllyam Canard for cherche lands	xviij <i>℥</i> .
. . .	off John Grygory off Barow	ijs. viij <i>℥</i> .

The costes off the sayed John Wyllkyns, Wardens.

Fryst payed off Estyr lyȝght wax and makyng	vs. ix <i>℥</i> .
Item for derige and masse on Saynt Markes daye	viij <i>℥</i> .
Item ffor ij Newebellropes	xv <i>℥</i> .
Item receyved for y ^e clarke att y ^e counte	iiij <i>℥</i> .
Item paied to John Pyper for hys labyr	viij <i>℥</i> .
Item for makyng off iiij tapyrs agenst Vittsonday	iiij <i>℥</i> .
Item ffor makyng off a new bere	xi <i>℥</i> .
Item ffor y ^e clarke for kyping y ^e clocke	iijs. iiij <i>℥</i> .
Item ffor y ^e beying of a new bawdrycke	viij <i>℥</i> .
Item ffor making off y ^e trendyll	ijs. v <i>℥</i> .
Item for bawdryck for y ^e medyll bell	v <i>℥</i> .
Item for mending off a happys [hasp]	ij <i>℥</i> .
Item ffor fraywry clarke	x <i>℥</i> .
Item ffor costogges [costs] att visitasion	iijs. iiij <i>℥</i> .
Item for makyng off iiij leyttis	iijs. ij <i>℥</i> .
Item ffor setting and reparyng off lamps	xx <i>℥</i> .
Item ffor mending off y ^e clocke	ijs.
Item ffor coveryng off y ^e Sayntes att lent	ii <i>℥</i> . ob.
Item ffor driying off y ^e ornamentes off y ^e cherche and clarkes labyr	ij <i>℥</i> .
Item ffor mending off y ^e helyng off y ^e ?	ij <i>℥</i> .
Item ffor wassing off y ^e cherche clotthys	ijs.
Item ffor pekyng and dressyng of y ^e belles	iiij <i>℥</i> .
Item ffor pekyng off y ^e bawdrycke	iiij <i>℥</i> .
Item ffor mowyng and keyppying of y ^e chercheyd	iiij <i>℥</i> .
Item ffor skowryng off y ^e canstycke	iiij <i>℥</i> .
Item ffor y ^e makyng off y ^e pateyn and gyltyng	xviij <i>℥</i> s.
Item ffor mending off y ^e fflowth [foot] off y ^e chalys	vjs. v <i>℥</i> .
Item ffor y ^e laboryss and fetthing home	v <i>℥</i> .
Item ffor lettyng abowth y ^e cherche workes y ^e off xvij days	iiij <i>℥</i> .

Md. that John Wylkyns hath delyveryd unto Wyllyam Tocar, off Ham, *vli. xls. v*℥*℥.*
in y^e here off kyng Harre VIIJth, and y^e here off yow^r lorde godde m^occccx*℥*℥.
and ys dyscharggyd a ffore the pars off hys here [year of office].

A remembrans off the cherchis dettes in the here off Wyllam Tocar cherchewardin and
the ffrist dae off y^e munthe off May, A^o. Dni. m ccccc xvj^{to}.

John Grygory of Barow	xx <i>℥</i> .
Wyllam Sargent	iiij <i>℥</i> . v <i>℥</i> .

Itm. the bequeste off John Syppard of Chewton	vjs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Itm. a rynge of sylter and gylt off the quest Annys Syppard wt. ij kerchows.	
Item the bequeste off Edytt Webb	xx <i>d</i> .
Item the queste off Wat ^e Sladde sum tyme delyng yn Pulton	xij <i>d</i> .

Competus Gyllelmi Tokar de Pulton Gardiani ecclie parochie Sti Johs Bapt xx
sexto die Mensis Aprilis die post festum Sti Marci, Evang., *A.D. m^occcc^oxbi^o.*

Receptiones ejusdem Gilhelmi Tocar cum debitis.

Firste receved off John Wylkyns off Pulton late wardeyn	v <i>l</i> i. xls. v <i>j</i> d.
It. R. on Ester Day in Pulton is cherche ffor heyth crosse liyth	xvijs.
It. R. off our Lady wardyns lytys encesse	xijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
. y ^e young men lygthes	vijs. v <i>j</i> d.
. John Knoll off Wester Comton	iijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
. off y ^e Est. lygth off Wotton	iijs. j <i>d</i> .
. off yowr lady Wardeyns yn cresse off ther alle [Ale]	ii <i>j</i> l <i>i</i> . iijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Item for ye salle off ij peys off Bedes	viij <i>d</i> .
Sm.	v <i>j</i> l <i>i</i> . xiijs. x <i>d</i> .

The coste off the seyde Wylyyam Tocar, Wardeyn.

Itm. ffor the coste of wexe and the making ffor the hole here	xvijs. v <i>j</i> d.
Itm. ffor y ^e making off y ^e candellsticke	v <i>l</i> i. vs.
Itm. ffor y ^e making off a klypper	ijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Itm. ffor y ^e mendyng off a bawddrirc	viij <i>d</i> .
Itm. ffor seynte Marke duryge	viij <i>d</i> .
. y ^e Frarey clarke	x <i>d</i> .
. clarke ffor y ^e kyppling off y ^e clocke	iijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Item for j tapeyr bey fore y ^e sepultar	xx <i>d</i> . ob.
. y ^e visitacion	iijs.
Item for y ^e [rough] castyng off s ^{te} John Chambeyrd	xx <i>d</i> .
Item ffor y ^e blessing off y ^e leyttyl challs [chalice]	viij <i>d</i> .
Itm. ffor y ^e wessyng off y ^e cherche clothys	ij <i>d</i> .
Itm. ffor skoweryng off y ^e grette candyllstyckes	iiij <i>d</i> .
Itm. ffor mowyng off y ^e chercheyerd	iiij <i>d</i> .
Itm. ffor gressyng off y ^e bellys	iiij <i>d</i> .
Itm. ffor off ij Rocchett and mendyng off iiij obys [albs]	viij <i>d</i> .
Itm. ffor mendyng off y ^e grett paxkes [pax]	j <i>d</i> .
Itm. ffor sonnyng [sun-drying] off y ^e ornamentes that longeth to the cherche	viij <i>d</i> .
Itm. that I wasse lett the space off iiij days goyng yn and yowte to Bruton ffor y ^e canstickes and also yn castyng a weye off y ^e snowe that wasse apon the ledde ande also yn goyng to Welles, to Glastonbery and to Bruton to have the challis y blessing	viij <i>d</i> .
Sm.	v <i>j</i> l <i>i</i> . xvijs. iiij <i>d</i> . ob ^o

[A line interpolated here is omitted.]

Item Gardianus resepit a Johan Kolle	iijs. iiij ^d .
Item recepit a Wyllyam Sergant	iijs.
. Hollys.	
Item exposuit inter cantores [the singer's fee]	iijs.
Item Johs Browysse per precul	viiij ^d .
Md. that Wyllyam Tocar yn hys here off wardeyn wycke yn the here off Kyng Harry the VIIJth hatth helyd [yielded] uppe the encesse off the cherche off saynt John off Bapptyst and ysse dischargedydde hy ffore the parish and John Holder off West Humle [? Holm] ys takyn yn to hys wardeynscheyppe to fulfyll hys Roume [room] the space off thewlmownthes.	

Competus Johis Holder de Pulton gardiani ecclie poch Sti Johis Baptiste xxvj^{to}
die Mensis Aprile die Sti Marci Evang., Anno regni regis Henrici octavi.

Receptioes ejusdem Johis Holder.

Frest reseyd yn the comtyyday	iijs.
Itm. reseved on Ester Day yn Pulton Scherche for the lyttes	xvjs. ij ^d .
Itm. reseyd off ower lady Wardens	ij <i>li</i> . xs. xd.
. Wyllyam Sergant	iijs.
. Wyllyam Hobbes	xij ^d .
. off Johis Browsse for a peyr of bedes	viiij ^d .
. reseyd off Johis Marke off y ^e bequeste off hys mother	iiij ^d .
Sm.	ij <i>li</i> . xvjs.

The Costes off the sayd Johis Holder.

Fyerst payed ffor the Ester lytes wex and making	iijs. iiij ^d .
Ite. ffor y ^e dirige and masse on Saynt Markes day	viiij ^d .
Ite. that hee put fflowrthe a mongyst y ^e syngars.	iijs.
Ite. ffor y ^e mendyng off y ^e clocke	vs.
Ite. ffor ropes, locckes, neyles, gemmowys	xxd.
Ite. ffor the gressyng off the belles	iiij ^d .
Ite. ffor the making of the lytys agenst Wyssoner day	iijs. iiij ^d .
Ite. ffor y ^e carryge of stownys to make the Cherche valls [walls]	xij ^d .
Ite. delyverde unto the clarke at y ^e fyrst comyng off ys ownants [earnest]	j ^d .
Ite. ffor a lyne ffor y ^e canapy	j ^d .
Ite. ffor a sowelle [shovel]	ij ^d .
Ite. ffor the making off y ^e leyte agenst yow ^r dedicacyon day	ijs. iiij ^d .
Ite. paye to ffravery Clarke	ixd.
Ite. for ij bawdryckes	ijs.
Item for y ^e making off y ^e cherche wall	iijs. vj ^d .
. . . ffor ix lode of stonys and y ^e carryge off them	ijs. viij ^d .
Item ffor ij belroppe the pryse	xvj ^d .

Item ffor y ^e makyng off leyte agenst Crystenmasse	xix <i>d.</i> ob.
Item ffor y ^e makyng off ij tapyrrs agenst Candylmasday	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item ffor the strekyng off y ^e chercheerd	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item ffor the mowyng off y ^e cherchyerd	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item ffor vj erds off clotth to make a syrplys	vs.
Item ffor y ^e wessyng off y ^e cherche clotthys	ijs.
Item ffor ij holes makyng under y ^e canstyckes	ij <i>d.</i>
Item ffor y ^e makyng off iiij tapyrrs affore Synt Jon	ij <i>d.</i>
Item ffor y ^e mendyng off y ^e glassyn wyndowys	ijs. vj <i>d.</i>
Item ffor y ^e wex off y ^e hey crosse lyttes borrydd off y ^e wardes	xvij <i>d.</i> ob.
Item ffor y ^e visitacyon un to y ^e official	iijs. viij <i>d.</i>
Item ffor a loke and gymowys [hinges] to y ^e coffer yn yow ^r ladey yelde	vd.
Item ffor y ^e gyfte unto yow ^r lady wardyns	xiiij <i>d.</i>
Item ffor y ^e greye cottes	vs. iiij <i>d.</i>
Sm. total	viiij <i>i.</i> j <i>d.</i>
Sic remanet ecclie	xixs.

Resayttes of Mathew Trym, of (from) John Lane.

Be yt knowyn to all the holle paryshe that I John Lane of Pyltun, chyrche wardene for on yere the yer of ower Lord A mcccc and xix hathe geffyn a trewe a comttes off all maner of resayttes bothe of mony and of all maner of ornamenttes of the chyrche and mor ovyr the sayde paryshe hathe alowyde me of the a for sayde for all maner of costes doone yn my yere mor ovyr I John Lane hathe lefte in the handdes of Mathewe Tryme styll remaynyng for hys yere xxxxxiiij*s.* x*d.*

Coste layde owt be Mathewe Trym.

In prs for Esterlyght	viijs.
Itm for y ^e Trendell	iijs. x <i>d.</i>
Itm iiij <i>i</i> waxe	ijs. viij <i>d.</i>
Itm ij belroppys	xvij <i>d.</i>
Itm to y ^e ryngares and to y ^e clarke	iiij <i>d.</i>
Itm to y ^e preste	iiij <i>d.</i>
Itm to y ^e frary clarke	x <i>d.</i> ob.
Itm for a rochet v yarddes	xx <i>d.</i>
Item for mendyng of y ^e chiales	iijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
Itm for makyng of y ^e booke	iiij <i>d.</i>
Itm for ij bookes bowht be y ^e prest	xs.

Compotus Willmi Sargeant gardiani ecclie Sci Johis baptiste in Pulton in die dnca
asensionis Dni Anno Dni, m^occcc^oxxj^o.

Redita bonorum ecclie de Pulton.

Itm rec. of Mathew Trym at the day of his a contes xxvjs. viij^d.
Itm rec. of the hole paryshe for Ester ly3th xvjs. x^d.
Itm rec. of Thomas Browne for Ester ly3th iijs. iiij^d.
Itm rec. of John Layne vj^d. Item rec. of John Layne vjs.
. . . John Paty viijs. . . . John Coppe and Davy Dey owre lady wardons
lvjs. Itm rec. of John Gregory of Barrow vj^d. Item rec. of Mathew Trym in die
omn. stor. [Omnium Sanctorum] xs. Item rec. of John Chandellar xx^d. Itm. rec.
of y^e be queste of Thomas Chandellar xij^d. Itm. rec. of y^e be queste of Willm
Volkes vj^d. Itm rec. of y^e bequest of Davy Prichett iiij^d.
Sm. total vj^d. xiijs. iiij^d.

Rynges.

Itm rec. of y^e be queste of Jone Wardforde j Ryнге
Itm rec. Alys Penard ij Rynges
. Jone Wylcokes j Ryнге

The Costes of y^e sayd Willm.

Item payd for vj^{li}. waxe ijs. price of every powne—x^d. and so y^e hole sum ys—vs. Item
payde for makyn—ij^d. Item payd for makyn of ij tapers—ob. Item payd for a
quarter of a li of waxe to make ij tapers to the hy aulter and for y^e makyn—iiij^d. ob.
Item payd for iiij^{li}. waxe to y^e trendell price y^e li.—x^d. so y^e hole sumys, iijs. iiij^d.
Item payde for makyn—viij^d. Item payde for a li waxe to make ij tapars for y^e hy
auter—x^d. ob. Item payd to Master Vycary for a li and a q. waxe xij^d. ob. Item payd for
makyn of ij tapers to y^e hy auter—j^d.

Of oyer [other] costage ydon.

Itm payde for sayng of dyrige to Sir Willm—iiij^d. Item payd to the parysche clarke—ij^d.
Itm payd to the ryngers—ij^d. Item payde for a letheryn baag to ber y^e keys—iiij^d. Item
payde for mendyng of a sorplys and a rochet—v^d. Item payde for mowyn of y^e cherche-
yerde—iiij^d.
Itm payde for nalis and mendyn of y^e cherche gytes—ij^d. Item payde to John Wylmat
for brygyng of a leyttter ffro hys master and for hys labor to Glastonbery to speke w^t ny
lorde [i.e., Abbot]—viij^d. Item payde to Johan lanman for makyn of a canepy and
for v tasselles and a laysse [lace]—xvj^d. Item payde for mendyn of a surplys—iiij^d.
Item payde to coppe for wyre to y^e clocke—j^d. Item payde for hangyn uppe of y^e
leynt clothys—iiij^d. Item payde for mendyn of y^e bawderikes to y^e belles—vj^d.
Item payde for thride to mende y^e vestmentes—ob. I payde for weschyn of y^e cherch
clothys—ijs. Item for myne expense to Exsetter to speke w^t y^e carvar—ijs. iiij^d. Item

payde for a yrynde bowe and hokes to hang a clothe be for owyr lady—jd. Item payde for Master docter Fythejamys [Fitzjames] dynner for kepyn of visitacyon, vjs. ijd. Item payde to John Morys for y^e byll of seyntens [sentence]—ijs. iiijd. Item payde for drawyn and caryge of x lode stonys for the cherche walles—iijs. iiijd. Item payde to John Sargeant for vj days warke—ijs. vjd. Item payde to John Dore for iij days and a half—xviijd. ob. Item for my labor iij days—vj. Itm payde for grese for the belle—iiijd. Item for a sacke of lyme—iiijd. Itm for makyn of ij bolte of yryn to the crosse—jd. Item for keepyn of the guttris and makyn cleyne of the toure florys—ijd. Item for my labor to Wotton to sarche and know every man plase and cott¹—ijd. Item payde for mendyn of the clocke—viijd. Itm payde to Walter Sergeant for mendyng of the cherche wall—xd. Item payde to John Dore for a days warke—vd. Itm payde to John Sergeant for a di days warke—ijd. ob. Item payde for lyme—viijd. Item for my labor on Fryday—ijd. Item payde to John Pleyter for mendyn of vestmentes and makyn of a canopy for ye sepulcor—xvj. Itm payde for makyn of a rochet—jd. Item payde to Saynt Johis Clarke—xd.

Sm. totalys de Costagio—xlijs. xxjd.

Et sic dz.—iiij*li*. vs. iiijd.

Competus Willm Vowllys gardiani ecclie parochialis Sci Johis Baptiste de Pulton
in prima dominica post festum Sci Marcij, A.D. m^occcc^oxxi^o.

Redita bonorum ecclie de pulton.

In primis recevyd of William Canerd the day of his a cowmt—viij*li*. xjs. ijd. Itm rec. for Estyr lyzght—xvjs. iiijd. Itm of Robert Browsse and William Scheppard owre lady wardyns—xxxijs. Itm rec. of John Stone of Wotton for Estyr lyzth—iijs. viijd. Itm rec. of the bequest of John Schyppard—viijd. Itm rec. of y^e be quest of Jylyen Canarde—iiijd. Itm rec. of y^e be quest of Willm Melworde—iiijd. Itm rec. of Robert Harris for oure lady lyzth—xijd. Item rec. of Willm Canarde of Comton for the chorche rentt—ijs. Itm rec. of y^e bequest of John Broderybe of Pyll—xxd.

Sm. Tot. of my recete xj*li*. ixs. xd.

Rynge.

Itm. rec. of y^e bequest of Alys Mylworde—j Rynge.

. Jelyen Canarde—j Rynge.

The Costage Idon by Willm Vowllys, Warden of y^e Cherche of Pulton.

Itm. payed for x <i>li</i> . and a half wex agenst Ester		vijs. ob.
. the mak yng		viijd.
. wax and mak yng of this same wex agenst the Nat. of saynt John		
Baptyst		ijs. ix <i>li</i> .

¹ Some kind of census.

. paid for iij*l*., and a half of wex for the trendell ijs. xjd.
 Item payed for makyn vjd. Itm payd for a j*l*., and a half of wax for ij tapers to the
 hy Auter—xvd. Itm for makyn—jd.
 Sm. xvjs. ijd. ob.

Itm. payed on Saynt Marke is day to the Vicar, the Clerke and the ryngers for dyrige
 of the benefactors of the chirch viij*d*.
 Itm. payed for movyng [mowing] of the chorchey hey iiij*d*.
 Itm. payed for skowryng of the iiij grett candellstyck iiij*d*.
 Itm. payed for the reparacyon of the bellys iiij*d*.
 Itm. payed to the procter of saynt John ys fraternite xd.
 Item payed for mendyng of the Locke of the chorchey dore xd.
 Item payed for a roope to the clocke vij*d*.
 Item payed for a roope to trendell viij*d*.

Of other Costage Idon.

Itm. payed for a bell rope—viij*d*. Itm. payed for mendyng of the Chorchey ledd—iiij*d*.
 Itm. payed for mendyng of thre pere of vestments and wessyng of the Chorch clothys—
 ijs. Itm. payed to the clarke ffor keppynge of the clocke—iij*s*. iiij*d*. Itm. payed to
 John Scharge and Richard Sargant for pargytyng of the towre and for lyme—xvs. vjd.
 Item for coveryng of sayntes at Leynt—iiij*d*. Itm. payd to John Sargant, Rich : Sar-
 gant for nayelles and mendyng of the roffe in owre lady Elde [Aisle]—xij*d*. Itm. payed
 for mendyng of the chorchey gate and for the cage of the bell—iiij*d*. Itm. payd for
 mendyng of the beste cope an the Palle—iiij*d*. Itm. payed to Jone lanmam ffor weschyng
 of v corps—xd. Item payd for wrytyng of the boke of Compte—xij*d*.

Comput^s Johis Lanma [n] gardiani ecclie parochialis Scti Johis Baptiste de Pulton
 dominica prima post festum Ascencionis Domini An^{no} Dni m*dx*x*vi*.

In primis Rc. of John Roger the day of is a cote [Account] [No entries] . . . vij*l*. vjs. vd.

Comput^s Robti Harris & Walti Bayle gardianorum ecclie Sci Johis Baptiste de
 Pulton in prima dmca post octavam Pasche anno dni m^occ*ccc*xxx^o.

Itm. recevyd of the chyrche xls.
 . . . recevyd of the Ester ly3gt xvjs. vij*d*.
 Item recevyd for the lyche rest of Als [Alice] Vooles vjs. viij*d*.
 of Ester ly3ht of Wooton vs viij*d*.
 Itm. recevyd for a croke ij*d*.
 Itm. recevyd for a lyche of a rope ij*d*.
 Itm. recevyd of the youngmen ly3ht iij*s*. vjd.
 Itm. recevyd of the gift of Als Vooles ij ryngge.

.	gyff of Katerin Stevyns		j ryngge.
.	for wex and hony		. vij <i>l</i> .
.	off the cherche		vjs. viij <i>l</i> .
.	of Wyllin Brown		. xvij <i>l</i> .
Item recevyd of John Kene and John Prayter			xls.
Item recevyd of the chyrch			xls.
.			xvs.

[4 leaves cut out.]

Yatton:

Notes illustrative of the MSS.



Manor. Added by Bishop Giso to the endowments of the See of Wells circ. 1066.

Surrendered to the Crown by Bishop Barlow, 3 Edward VI, March 1st, 1549.

Valued at £20 in 1290; in 1537 at £62 2s. 7d. nett.

It did not embrace Claverham [Claram] manor, a lay fee held of the Honor of Gloucester by the De la Sores of Backwell, from whom the Rodneys inherited.

Acreage of the two Manors, 6,476.

The Parish. The whole rectorial tithe and glebe (stated in Domesday as one Hide), were appropriated to a prebend in Wells Cathedral, circa 1135, and the prebendary was invested with peculiar jurisdiction. A vicarial income was set apart. The Vicar was nominated by the prebendary to the Bishop for institution.

In 1327, the Bishop (see Reg. Drok., ap. Wells Registry), readjusted the Vicar's and Rector's incomes, after proof by inquest that whilst the one was worth 100 marks, the other was worth only twelve, with two chaplains to keep for service of two chapels.

The Chapels served by the Vicar were probably (1) that of St. James on the north-east of the church; and (2) a chapel in the churchyard, reported by the Chantry Commission in 1548 to be ruinous.

Two other chapels stood in the parish, both of them manorial, and not under the Vicar's charge. The one at Claverham Court was endowed with tithe, and presentative.¹ The other at Court de Wyke was probably maintained by the Lords of that Manor, *i.e.*, by the Newtons in the 15th and 16th centuries.

FISCAL SYSTEM FROM 1445 TO 1547.

The area of the parish was divided into three portions, the east and west, *i.e.*, Claverham and Cleve, being committed to two "Lightmen," sometimes called Wardens, who brought their gatherings, originally made for the support of lights in the Church, to the Wardens' audit. Central Yatton paid its offerings to the Wardens direct.

¹ The Wells Registers record the institution of no less than 11 rectors between 1420-1545, presented alternately by the Rodneys and the other representatives of the De la Sores. Sir Giles Capel presented in 1526, value in 1548 £2 8s. nett.

After the completion of the Church house, with its appliances for entertainment, the gatherings were made at the Ales, instead of from house to house, but the Lightmen of the east and of the west held their Ales separately.

These gatherings were the largest source of income.

Beside these, there was a yearly gathering¹ of 6s. 8d. for the font taper, and paschal taper, probably made at the Easter procession; and now and then special gatherings for foreseen outlays.

Arrears never occur. Gifts and bequests are recorded yearly, but there was no rating of property or gatherings in Church. These would have been counted "oblations" claimable by the Clergy.

In 1520 a fee of 6s. 8d. for inside burial begins; the Wardens taking the fee, and bearing the cost of replacing the pavement.

This parish had no landed endowment, and did not retain any live stock for income. It seems to have received no stated help from its great land-owner, the Bishop, or from its great tithe-owner, the prebendal rector.

The Newtons of Claverham Court are often recorded as benefactors, and probably joined the Church Ales with a full hand; but their burial aisle was repaired by the parish.

The widow, Isabel Lady Newton, was Warden in 1496.

Looking at the absence of gifts from the richer ones, the income raised by this population of peasants and yeoman, is most surprising.

There was always a balance handed over to the incoming Wardens, enough to meet their year's ordinary outlay.

But this wealth did not deaden zeal. The ritual aims were continually rising²; new objects of veneration, and new cults added³—the fabric was kept in the highest order, enlarged and adorned.⁴

The Churchyard was enlarged in 1485 at a cost of £3 6s. 8d., and in 1486 of £1 13s. 4d., for the consecration.

A noble Churchyard Cross was built in 1524, at a cost much exceeding £9, but not ascertainable from the brevity of the entries.

The Church house was thoroughly equipped for all its hospitable purposes. There was an organ and a clock. Minstrels were hired at Whitsuntide. The Organist, Clerk, and Sexton were salaried. The "Waking of the Sepulchre" from Good Friday to Easter morn by two paid men, was regularly observed. All vestments, and portable vessels, and even the stone altar slabs were carried to the Bishop for his blessing.

¹ Entered sometimes as for the font, sometimes for the paschal taper.

² Note the large sums spent on Vestments & Cope; *e.g.*, in 1481, £xxvj, in 1534, £xxx.

" " " Service books, Manual, Mass-book, psalters, Processionals, 'portas,' gradual £v vjs. viijd. in 1460.

" " " a ledger, £17 1s.

" " " bells, 1451, £5, and often afterwards.

" " " Processional Cross, 1499, £18.

³ S.S. Katharine, Thomas, George, Nicolas, and Christopher, were added to the older cult of S. James, whose chapel on the north side of the Church was enlarged in 1451-2, and Ale instituted, and a stipend paid to the Chantry Priest.

⁴ Specially note the Roodloft, with its Aler splendidly carved, gilt, and painted, and decked with over 80 images. The Carpenter's Account alone was £31.

The funds also were employed in upholding the Wardens in the enforcement of discipline.

The splendour of the Church was here, as elsewhere, a temptation to knavery. The endeavour to bring Davie Gibbes to punishment for stealing the Church goods in 1489 was very costly; so complicated as to baffle the modern reader, who can hardly understand how the numerous jurisdictions of the day required processes at Bristol, Ilchester, Wells.

Inter-parochial Ales.—This system was very complete. The Wardens attended these festivals at Ken, Kingston, Wrington, Congresbury, &c., with more or less regularity; making their contributions, commonly xij*d.*, in the name of the parish and at the cost of the parish, for in their persons the parish was deemed to be present. In return, the allied parishes attended the Yatton festivities, with “ale-scot” in hand.

Once, in 1537, an unusual charge of vs. is made for attending an Ale at Keynsham, far beyond the wonted girdle.

Civil charges.—The earliest charge for anything not ecclesiastical is in 1512-13, viz., 16*s.* 8*d.* to the “Constable and Tything man,” repeated in 1513-14 at 11*s.* 8*d.*, but only once. It is unexplained, and probably may be found to be connected with one of the Commissions of Sewers, which had power to assess property for the maintenance of Sea-walls, &c. Though the parish, as such, was not assessed, the landowners¹ and occupiers may have found a vote of vestry the easiest mode of discharging their burden.

In 1528 a sluice-gate is repaired, and later on the scouring of the “Yeo” is found a yearly charge.

No poor-relief occurs till 1549; then, a detached vote to 14 persons.

Buildings.—Around or near the Church stood the following:—

1. The Courthouse, no longer inhabited by the Bishop as Manorial lords, but by their Reeve; also used for the Manor courts.
2. The Rectory or Parsonage, in which the Bailiff, or lessee of rectorial tithes under the prebendal rector, lived.
3. The Vicarage, with perhaps a small house for the two chaplains.
Each of these had Barns and Homesteads; required by No. 1 for the Lord's demesne lands, by Nos. 2 and 3 for collection of tithe in kind.
4. The Chapel, scheduled by Edward VI's Commissioners.
5. The Church-house.

Language of the Accounts.—From the beginning it is a medley of English and Latin, with no apparent rule. The Latin Heading was retained till 1481-2, probably from its being written by the Vicar presiding in Vestry, the remainder being left to the hired scribe, often specified in the payments to be the parish Clerk.

¹ In the 23rd of Hen. VIII, an Act was passed continuing the legislation of Hen. VI and VII, by which the Lord Chancellor could issue Commissions of Sewers, with power to survey and order needful works at the cost of landowners benefited, calling on the Sheriffs to aid in the levy. The Sheriff's collecting officers would be the hundred-constable, and his subordinate, the tything-man.

Church-Wardens' Accounts.

[The earliest is a paper volume, 12 × 5 inches, containing 180 pages, and marked on the outside in a modern hand "A N^o 1." The entries begin abruptly in the middle of an account of the year mcccxi, as it is conjectured, the earlier part having disappeared.]

PAGE 1.

A.D. m.cccc.xlv.

JOHN MOYE AND WM. REEVE, WARDENS.

Summa £xviij xvjs. xjd.

Item y received of the bequest of Walter Modswyne and Egolyn his wife iij boshells of wete, the prysce of the iij boshells were ijs.

It. received of the bequest of Alis Ogyn a boshell of wete, the prisce vjd.

It. received of the bequest of R. Watts a boshell of wete, the prisce viijd.

It. received of William Hylle for plocks and sponys ix*d.*

It. received of John Goodknave for a bord j*d.*

It. received of the bequest of Robert Medwynter halfe a boshell of wete, prisce iiij*d.*

It. payd for ij pound wex to John Medwynter

It. received of the bequest of Jone Thurba [rne]

Gefte money that was y geve to the setting of the newe howes tymbyr [*i.e.*, the Church-house].

Isbell Browne iiij*d.*

Isbell Wytyng j*d.*

Jone Kewe j*d.*

Isbell Kewe j*d.*

Edde Gamelyn j*d.*

John Brewer j*d.*

John Roscheforth j*d.*

Anns Bell ij*d.*

[The only totals legible are,]

Remaines £xix xvjs. ij*d.*

Summa £xix ijs.

Summa totalis £viij vjs.

Receptiones £v xixs. vjd. Summa totalis £x xvs. vjd.

PAGE 2.

[Memoranda of divers dates and hands.]

Mem. Anno Domini mccclyvi. John Dole and Thomas,¹ Wardyns, hath received of John Avernaye and John Goodknave £x xvjs.

Mem. that Thomas Thurbarne and Thomas Knygth hath payd to John Bowton for mete and drynke abowgth the setthyng of the wyndowys vjd.

¹ This appears to have been Thomas Wale, p. 70 of the original account.

It. for ryses for the dawbes ij <i>d</i> .	
It. for the Cherch howse, of John Mariott	xvj <i>d</i> .
It. for the Cherch howse, of Thomas Clerke	xvj <i>d</i> .
It. of Symonde	xvj <i>d</i> .
It. of R. Crew and John	xvj <i>d</i> .
for the hyr [hire] of chetill [kettle] of John Crose	iiij <i>d</i> .
for the hyr of the chetill of John Wild	iiij <i>d</i> .
that Thomas Thurbarne and Thomas Knygth, Wardynes, have payd for a cloth for the chalys	ij <i>d</i> .
. lampe oyl	iiij <i>d</i> .
. hopyng [hoopyng]	ij <i>d</i> .

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A.D. mccccxvi. JOHN WYKE AND JOHN NEDE, WARDENS.

These ben the parcells that Jon Wyke and Jon Nede, chercchewardeynys of the
parysche cherche of Yatton have resevyd and payde in there offyce beyng.

Inprimis, resevyvd of Jon Moye and Welyam Reve, late chercchewardeynys	xlvs. viij <i>d</i> .
It. resevyvd for a cowe	iijs.
It. resevyvd of the queste of Roberd Reve	iijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
It. resevyvd in mony to the Esterne tapyr	vs. v <i>d</i> .
It. resevyvd with owr taverne ale	lvjs. viij <i>d</i> .
It. resevyvd of the bequeste of William Crosse	xx <i>d</i> .
It. resevyvd for the heffer of Aneyse Hill	iijs.
It. resevyvd of Jon Fischer and his felowes	ls.
It. resevyvd of Wylam Bonde	xxvijs. v <i>d</i> .
It. resevyvd for old potts	xvjs.
It. resevyvd for ryndyn ¹ of the oke	xiiij <i>d</i> .
Summa totalis receptionis	£x xvjs. iiij <i>d</i> .
It. resevyvd for a basyn and a laver	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
It. resevyvd of Wylam Colman	xxvijs. v <i>d</i> .
Summa totalis receptionis	£xij xs. v <i>d</i> .

[In a different hand and ink.]

It. that Wylam Reynan howeth to the Church of Yatton a clere rekenyng	xxs.
It. John Averei outh to the same Church	xijs. x <i>d</i> .
'The seyde John Averei to the chapelle	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .

[Whether S. James', or the detached chapel, is doubtful, as in some other entries.]

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¹ "Ryndyn," the plural of "rind," or bark.

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Mem. de Solucionibus.

Inprimis payde for an oke at Brockle [Brockley]	vjs.
It. for the schaperyng ¹ and the brynggng home and for the cariage of a weyne [wagon-load] of the seyde oke	iijs. vjd.
It. for a bawdre [baldric] and a bokel	xxijjd.
It. for wex bowte agen Esterne	xljd.
It. for fettyng [fetching] home of iiij whelys	vijjd.
It. for expenses upon ij tymes upon croyse ²	iiijjd.
It. for waschyng of clothys	ijjd.
It. viij caryages [loads] was be hote [bought], of the wheche cam that daye but iiij.	
In expenses	xvjd.
It. payd to Jon Hykkys and Jon Falew	xls.
It. payd to Westbery	xvijs. vijjd.
It. payd to Welyam Stonhowse for makyng of the dore in the vyse [winding staircase]	xljd.
It. for the stonys to the seyde dore	xviijjd.
It. for the bryngng home of the seyde stonys	xijjd.
It. for meltyng and makyng of the wex	ijjd.
It. payd to Jon Sloo for gresyng of the bell	xxd.
It. for the chetyl and the keve [vat]	vjd.
It. for the brewerys here [brewers hire]	vjd.
It. for threshyng of wet ³ [wheat]	vijjd.
It. for to [two] mennys labour to helpe brewe	xd.
It. payd for owr dyner for beryng up of benys [beans] whan we made clene the berne [barn]	iijd.
It. for ale to rese with, ⁴ and owr dyner	iijd.
It. for fellyng of an oke at Bacwell	
It. for markyng of the trendyl	xs. iiijjd.
It. for colowrs to the trendyl	xxd.
It. for peyntyng of the trendyl	xijjd.
Summa	£iiij xs.

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It. for caryage of the bordys owte of the cherche yerde into the bushopys halle [at the manor-house]	ijjd.
It. for makyng of the cherche dore keyge [keys]	vijjd.
It. for gerdelys to the vestements	iijd.
It. for a corde to the canape [canopy]	ijjd.
It. for hokys to the vyse dore	vjd.
It. payd to Westbery	xxjs.
It. payd for twests to the vyse dore	vjd.
It. payd for nayls to the same dore	iiijjd.

¹ Shaping and dressing.

² Cross, near Axbridge, or Cross, the carpenter.

³ In the original, "Clet," a mis-spelling.

⁴ To "raise" with ; i.e., to enable them to "bear up" or carry the loads of beans.

It. payd for a lok and a keye to the same dore	iiij <i>℥</i>
It. payd for makyng of the same dore	xij <i>℥</i>
It. payd for ferments ¹ to the stepyl wyndowys bowte of Jon Smyth at the streme	vij <i>s</i> . x <i>℥</i>
It. payd to Jon Smyth of Comysbere [Congresbury] for makyng of al maner of eyreen [iron] werke for the bellys	vij <i>s</i> . viij <i>℥</i>
It. payd for bred and ale for to hange with the bellys, and fysche and flesche and chese and all thyngs cowntyde, summa	xiiij <i>s</i> . ij <i>℥</i>
It. payd for ote mele	ij <i>℥</i>
It. payd to Jon Falew and to Jon Hykkys and to Jon Fyscher for here [their] compacion ²	
It. payd for waxe agen crisemasse	xx <i>s</i> .
It. payd for roseyne	v <i>℥</i>
It. payd for makyng of the waxe	ii <i>s</i> .
It. payd for the here [hire] of the rope and the caryage in and owte	vij <i>s</i> . viij <i>℥</i>
It. payd for hors-mete to the wax-maker, and hys owne mete, and owr mete, whyl we made the sayd waxe	xvij <i>℥</i>

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It. payd for the new Crosse, and makyng of the canape, and the other crosse	x <i>s</i> .
It. payd to the Veker for paper and makyng of the boke and wrytyng	xiiij <i>℥</i>
It. payd for talwe candel	ij <i>℥</i>
It. payd to Wyllyam Stonhowse for setting in of to [two] femerell in the stepyl	x <i>℥</i>
It. payd for washyng of surplyses and oder clothys agens Cristemasse	ii <i>℥</i>
It. payd for fettyng of a brasen pelewe for worspryng	ij <i>℥</i>
It. payd to Jon Meke for ij horns	ij <i>℥</i>
It. payd for drynke when we boryn [bore] in the bordys	ii <i>℥</i>
It. payd for drynge to Jon Smyth	ij <i>℥</i>
Summa totalis solutionum	£ x x <i>s</i> . j <i>℥</i>

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A.D. mccccxvi-vii.

Mem. quod Johannes Hullman et Willelmus Webbe custodes bonorum ecclesie de
Yatton receperunt de Johanne Nede et Johanne Wyke xxxix*s*. v*℥*.

Item yreseived of Jon Harte of Claverham	ii <i>s</i> . iiij <i>℥</i>
„ „ of dmn rec' byschype ³	xiiij <i>s</i> . iiij <i>℥</i>
„ „ of a man vor ryngyng ye bell	iiij <i>℥</i>
„ „ of Ester tapyr	vij <i>s</i> . viij <i>℥</i>
„ „ of . . . Karter	vij <i>s</i> . viij <i>℥</i>
„ „ of the Wardēyns of the ale making at Whytteson day	£ iij x <i>℥</i>
„ „ of the parasche to the [Easter] sepulcur, clare	xvij <i>s</i> . v <i>℥</i>
„ „ of John Rymer vor p[re] lubkys of the cherche	ij <i>℥</i>
„ „ of Lygtmen of Yatton, John Reyde and John	£ iij vij <i>s</i> .

¹ Ferments = Ferramenta ; i.e., iron work.² In pity to them.³ I.e., the Bishop's manorial Receiver or Steward.

Item	yreseived of lygtte men of Cleve and of Claverham, William Watts and William Colyns	£iij vijs. vjd.
"	" vor a gyrddvll that was for . . . Richard Byssechip, ¹ Vyker of Yatton	xs.
"	" of John Hurdewyche . . . the bygwyst of J. Ydward	iijs. iiijd.
"	" vor candyll of the [r]ell ² ysowlle at divers tymys	vjd.
"	" vor ryngyng of the bell of a munke of Staverdell	iiijd.
"	" of William . . . vor a rad	
"	" of Tybyt Scheryffe	viijd.
"	" vor a gowne, of the quyst of John Vyn	iijs. viijd.
"	" vor a crokke, the quist of Robert Symys of Kenne	vs. xd.
"	" of R. Gold and J. Vord vor wodde of the Chercheys ³	xvjd.
It.	Receperunt modium frumenti de legatione Willelmi Attewyke, pretio	xd.

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It.	vor wodde of William at Wyke, and Robert Yogge and John Hyllman	viijd.
"	of Richard Benektun	xxjs. iijd.
"	of William Hyckys	xxd.
"	de Willelmo j bossall frumenti et j bossall ordii [hordei], the sum of ham [them]	xviijd.
"	vor a whyche	xijd.
"	of R. Thurberne vor iiij bussel ordii	ijs. iiijd.
"	of J. Meke vor a yhefyr [heifer]	iijs.
"	of R. Reve for a plock [block]	ijd.
"	of John Felpys	xiiiijd.

Summa totalis receptionis £xviiij iijs. xjd.

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JOHN HYLLMAN AND W. WEBBE, WARDENS.

Mem. quod Johannes Hyllman et W. Webbe expend.

It.	y payde vor mette and dryncke vor iiij carige [loads] to the churche	vjd.
It.	y payde to Hurneman vor ij takys ⁴	vd.
"	" John Valoks and J. Hobkys vor mette and dryncke vor sowwyn [sawing] at Nayllese [Nailsea]	iijd.
"	" vor anoke [an oak] at Thurbbewyll	iiijs.
"	" to J. Valoke and J. Hobkys vor goyng thyddyr	vjd.
"	" vor ij bolts and a stapylle	vijd. ob.
"	" vor the cost of ij men goyng to Thurbbewyll	ijd.
"	" vor of the makying of Ester tapyr	xxd.
"	" vor the beying [buying] of a loke	ixd.

[A few common entries about a few repairs.]

¹ R. Bishop was instituted 1440. How long he held office, unknown.

² "The reel ysold," the candle ends were thus turned to account.

³ The Churchyard. Hey=enclosure.

⁴ See Glossary.

It. y payde	vor the sepulcur kloth	xxixs. viij <i>d</i> .
" "	vor ij candyll stykys	£ij
" "	vor mat' ybowyete ¹ to the weste dore	v <i>d</i> .
" "	vor iij men rydyng to Estun ² to se the alle [alure], the cost of ham [them]	iij <i>d</i> .
" "	to Crobbe and J. Hylman here [their] costys rydyng to Selwudde	viij <i>d</i> .
" "	to W. Hurneman rydyng to Button [Bitton]	j <i>d</i> .
" "	to John . . . vor vyllyng [felling] anoke	j <i>d</i> .
" "	vor clothe y bowgte to the surplous	xiijs.
" "	vor thredde to make the same	vd.
" "	to W. Stubbe rydyng to Brystowe to see the tabylment ³	iiij <i>d</i> .
" "	at Cogybbyre [Congresbury] at Churche alle [Ale]	iiij <i>d</i> .
" "	vor the mynd ⁴ of W. Bocktun	j <i>d</i> .

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It. y payde	vor the mynd of W. Malsell	j <i>d</i> .
" "	to J. Vysser beryng of a whele to Kynstun	j <i>d</i> .
" "	in costes to rydyng [ridding] of the churche and vor dryng [drink] to the carpentorys to the setting in of here [their] segys [seats]	iiij <i>d</i> .
" "	vor ij puwns [pounds] of talowe to the carpenterys	ij <i>d</i> .
" "	to John Valew and John Huckys	£iij vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
" "	vor making of the surplys	vjs.
" "	vor making of the rochette	ij <i>d</i> .
" "	vor wex to the cherche	xiiijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
" "	vor mete and drynke in making of the wex	viij <i>d</i> . ob.
" "	vor the making of the pulpyt and ij awterys	iijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
" "	vor lyme to the same y bowgt	vd.
" "	vor bynnyng of a panna wyt yre ⁵	xij <i>d</i> .
" "	vor nayls y bowgt vor the segys	vij <i>d</i> .
" "	vor strykyng of the churche	ij <i>d</i> .
" "	to J. Parker vor goyng to Thurbbewyll to helpe hewwe the schudde ⁶	iiij <i>d</i> .
" "	to J. Slo vor kepyng of the bell	xx <i>d</i> .
" "	to the writer of the bowke [the Account]	v <i>d</i> .

Summa expensarum £ix xvjs. x*d*. ob.

Summa totalis solutionum £ix xvjs. ob.

Et remanebit in manibus Johannis Hylman et Willelmi Mydwynter erga proximum
annum £viiij vjs. x*d*. ob.

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¹ Matter or matters bought.² Easton-in-Gordano, to see a model rood-loft with an Alure, before setting about their own, for which they were buying timber, in Selwood Forest.³ A carved or painted representation of a sacred subject.⁴ A commemoration of the departed, a month or a year after death. These two benefactors were commemorated for several years.⁵ *I.e.*, binding of a banner with iron.⁶ To hew the shroud *i.e.*, branches.

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J. HYLMAN AND W. MYDWYNTER, WARDENS.

J. Hylman and W. Mydwynter begin as above with £viijs. xd. ob.

Received of John Huredyche to chreche warkys [Church-works]	viijs.
„ of the Ester tapyr	vs. viijs.
„ vor a kowwe of Hurdewychys	viijs.
„ of J. Horte of Claram [Claverham] vor a kowe of hys byquyst	vjs. xd.
„ of the Wardeynys of John Hylman and William Mydwynter of makying of Ale at Wyttesunday, to the cherche	£iiij
„ of Alice Gowdman of the quist	iijs. iiijs.
„ of John Rowlyng of quist	xvjs.
„ vor ryngyng of the bell of the resewyer acorte day ¹	viijs.

[In another hand and language.]

Item recepmus de Edde Bustun nomine legationis	iijs. iiijs.
„ „ „ Johanna Wampervyle nomine legationis annulum et	xd.
„ de pro tabernâ Servicie ² de collect. luminis de Yatton	£iiij xvjs. viijs.
„ de pro tabernâ „ „ „ de Claverham	£ij xjs. viijs.
Item recepmus de Johanne Hykke	vjs. viijs.
„ „ de J. Meke pro vitulo legato de J. Hurdewyche	iijs.
„ „ de Johanne Herte nomine legationis ij modios frumenti et ij modios ordii, pretio	ijs. vjd.
„ „ de Jekyn att Wyke unum modium frumenti et alium modium orde, pretio	xvd.
„ „ de Johanne Avery de Huysch j modium frumenti et modium ordii nomine legationis, pretio	xiijs.
„ „ de J. Halle j modium frumenti nomine legationis, pretio	xd.

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Item recepmus de Johanne Knyght unam tunicam, pretio	iijs.
„ „ à W. W. Wever pro focis v de residuo lignorum dimissorum, pretio	xxd.
„ „ à R. Dornebarne pro ij bus tabulis vocatis "planks"	xijjs.
„ „ à W. Mydwynter pro j tabula vocata "plank"	iijs.
„ „ à R. Mei pro duobus lignis vocatis ij plocks [blocks]	ijjs.
„ „ à J. Rynd pro ligno vocato a plope	ijjs.
„ „ de Vicar, unam ollam eneam, pretio	vs. xd.
„ „ pro olla Ricardi Wyllyngs	vs.
„ „ pro modio frumenti nomine legationis à Johanna Knyght	xd.
„ „ à Johanna Knyght certas partes, pret.	vjd.
„ „ de legatione Johanne Garlonde in pecuniis	xijjs.
Summa remanens £xxj xs. viijs. ob.	

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It. ypayd vor weynscot [wainscot]	vjs.
„ vor cariage of the same	xiijs.

¹ On Manor Court day for the Bishop's receiver or steward.

² I.e., cerevisie = Ale.

It. vor menyng of awbys [albs]	vjd.
„ vor Ester tapyr and iiij precatys, ¹ the making and costs	ijs.
„ to J. Valew vor making of werke of the cherche	vjd.
„ to ij men vor rydyng [ridding] of Syn Jameys schapell	iiijd.
„ vor anoke ybowzt of J. Hykks and the vylyng ² of the same	xiijd.
„ vor vylyng of a chyde ³ at Herryherte	jd.
„ vor lamp oyle	iiijd.
„ vor warsyne [washing] of clothes to Alson Sawndes	iiijd.
„ vor mete and drynke vor trussing of the bellys	ijd.
„ to John Blo vor kepyng of the bells	xxd.
„ to John Sty vor making of to [two] baner luggus ⁴	iiijd.
„ to John Slyette vor making of ij banarys, and a clothe afore the tabylle, and menyng of j awbe [alb]	xiiijd.
„ to J. Smythe vor making of a yryn croke and setting	ijd.
„ vor ij days goyng to Cogysbyry to gete tymbyr vor the cherche, iiij men, the cost of ham [them]	ixd. ob.
„ vor the vylyng of the same tymbyr	xiijd.
„ vor coting of the same tymbyr to v men in mete and dryng and hyre	ixd.
„ vor cariage of the same tymbyr in mete and dryng, in al costs	iijs. iiijd.

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It. vor lyme to wassche the awterys	ijd.
„ vor the dyner of the man that come hydyr to se the playster of the stypyll	iijd.
[In another hand, with a mixture of Latin and English.]	

Item solvimus pro confectione campane	vjs. viijd.
It. pro tabulis vocatis wenscote numero xxviiij	xxijs. iiijd.
„ in expensis in die emptionis tabularum ⁵ supradictarum	vjd.
„ pro caryage (vehitione) tabularum dict. de Brydstoll	xviijd.
„ pro vehitione tabularum à rypa Brydstoll usque portam de Radeleve	vd.
[Expenses in meat and drink at the same time]	iiijd.

[Hereafter the use of Latin only is resumed to the end of the Warden's period of office.]

Solvimus pro xliij modiis cementi vocati 'playster'	xxjs. vjd.
In esculentis et poculentis pro circa vehitiones de supradicta playster	xjd.
„ pro esculentis equorum eodem tempore	vd.
„ pro calciratione equorum eodem tempore	viijd.
„ pro conductione duorum operariorum	iiijd.
Solvimus operario de supradicto playster pro operibus manuum suarum	xxd.
„ pro ejusdem operarii esculentis	vjd.
„ pro duobus operariis et esculentis et poculentis eorundem	ijs.
„ Johanni Sloo pro duobus dictis circa opus supradictum	vjd.
„ pro anniversario Willelmi Bowdon	jd.
„ Johanni Crosse pro factura solarii ⁶ in parte solutionis	£v vjs. viijd.

¹ Prickets.² Felling.³ I.e., a shyde or shroud, the top and lop of a tree.⁴ Lugs, cords to keep the banner straight.⁵ Wainscoat boards.⁶ The Aler.

Solvimus Johanni Balwe et J. Hikke pro factura sedilium	£ij xvijs. viij <i>d</i> .
„ pro cera	xxixs. viij <i>d</i> .
„ pro rosen pro cera supradicta	iijs. ij <i>d</i> .
„ pro vehitione rosen et cere et aliis expensis	iiij <i>d</i> .
„ pro factura cere	xx <i>d</i> .
„ pro esculentis et poculentis circa facturam cere	xvj <i>d</i> .
„ pro lichline vel filo lichinis ¹	iiij <i>d</i> .
„ pro clavibus ² sedilium	vij <i>d</i> .
„ pro lotione vestimentorum ecclesie et surpiclis	ij <i>d</i> .
„ pro oleo lampadis	iiij <i>d</i> .
„ pro pastura unius vituli Willelmo Gene	v <i>d</i> .
„ servicia ³ ecclesie de Congarisberi	iiij <i>d</i> .
„ Johanni Balwe, Johanni Hylle, pro potatione, quum fecerunt finem de factura sedilium	iiij <i>d</i> .
„ Ricardo Bowdon pro labore suo versus Worle pro cros	ij <i>d</i> .
Summa expensarum	£xii xvijs. ix <i>d</i> . ob.

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Mem. quod remanebat in manibus custodum antiquorum, viz. Johannis Hylman et Willelmi Mydwynter, **A.D. 4 m.ccccxlviij.** in die Sancti Matthee Apostoli, omnibus computatis coram parochianis in ecclesia de Yatton £vij xs. viij*d*. que summa solvenda est novioribus custodibus, viz. : Willelmo Wyllyng et Thome Prewett.

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A.D. m.ccccxlviij. W. WYLLYNG AND T. PREWET, WARDENS.

These ben the parcelys that Vyl Wyll yng and Tom Prewet recevyd wyl they wer church wardyns of Yatton yn the yer of our Lord **m.ccccxxxviii.**

In primo for a taverne that ys ymade of y ^e Churche ale	v marcs x <i>d</i> . ⁵
and the lightmen of Clyf and Clarham	iiij marcs ⁶
„ for a payr of bedys of lambyr [amber]	vij <i>d</i> .
It. recepimus de J. Colman et W. Balwe custod :	v marcs iiij <i>s</i> . ⁷
„ „ de W. Stabbe pro salute animarum filiorum suorum	xi <i>d</i> .
„ „ pro adimpletione rote ⁸ de certis personis	xvj <i>d</i> .
„ „ pro candela de rota	ij <i>d</i> .
„ „ de custodibus antiquis	£vij xs. viij <i>d</i> .
„ pro antiquis tabulis quas vendimus Johanni Clerico	xx <i>d</i> .
„ pro veste altaris solvendo Steby yn the merche [Marsh]	viij <i>d</i> .
„ de W. Stabbe de tabula	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
„ pro candela paschali	vs. iiij <i>d</i> .

[One or two more indistinct entries.]

Summa receptorum £xviiij iiij*d*.

¹ Lamp-yarn.

² *Qy. clavis, i.e., nails.*

³ = Cerevisia, the Church Ale.

⁴ *I.e., 1447, N.S. Feb. 24, 25th Hen. VI.*

⁵ £3 7*s*. 7*d*.

⁶ £2 13*s*. 4*d*.

⁷ £3 10*s*. 8*d*.

⁸ The reel, or corona.

Mem. that ys y payd for the tabyl of the hye awter	xj marcs xs. ¹
„ in costage of the same tabyl	xviij <i>d</i> .
„ for the bellys to Jon Slo	xx <i>d</i> .
„ for costage of to [two] wyng[s] of ray ² selk for the hy auter	xviij <i>d</i> .
„ for a cloth of the tabyl ystenyd [stained]	xx <i>d</i> .
„ for a clothe by for [before] the same auter	xx <i>d</i> .
„ for lyn cloth y bought for the same cloths	x <i>d</i> .
„ for wyr and ryngs for the tabyl	xij <i>d</i> .
„ for four spykys	vij <i>d</i> .
„ for making of the sepulkyr tre	xx <i>d</i> .
„ for waschyng of clothys	vj <i>d</i> .

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„ for clensyng of ij candylstyky[s] of latyn and a sensa [censer]	iiij <i>d</i> .
„ for Wyll Bonton ys mynde	j <i>d</i> .
„ for aschyd yfot at yde od [a shroud fetched at Yde wood].	xvj <i>d</i> .
„ for wexe to the rele, and costage	vs. viij <i>d</i> .
„ for costage of the Ester tapyr	ijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
„ for a rop for the sacryng bell	iiij <i>d</i> .
„ for scowryg of the grete semys	iiij <i>d</i> .
„ for the rodeloffte to Crosse [the Carpenter]	viiij marcs xiijs. ³
„ for to sacryng bell	xiiij <i>d</i> .
„ for a lege bell, and the mendyng of another	ijs. ij <i>d</i> .

Summa £xv xijs. viij*d*.

These accounts are presented, "coram parochianis," on Thursday before⁴ S. Valentine's day, A.D., mccccxliij; and the balance of xlijs. xij*d*. is delivered to the new Wardens, John Cooke of Cleve, and John Hylman, junior, of Yatton.

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A.D. mcccccl. J. HYLMAR AND J. COOKE.

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In primis pro factura cere paschalis	iiij <i>d</i> . ob.
„ pro lotione vestimentorum erga festum pasche	iiij <i>d</i> .
[Entries for wax, &c., as usual.]	
„ Johanni Crosse carpentario pro coopertione baptysterii [Font]	xvjs.
„ pro glutuno et clavi eidem baptysterio	vj <i>d</i> .
„ pro lotione vestimentorum	iiij <i>d</i> .
„ eidem Crosse sub nomine cure	j <i>d</i> .
„ pro cera empta baptysterio	ij <i>d</i> .
„ Johanni Crosse pro solario	xiijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
„ for a lyne to the font	ij <i>d</i> .
„ schrydyng of treyes yn church hay	j <i>d</i> .
„ pro vehitione unius querci de sylva	viiij <i>d</i> .

¹ £7 16s. 8*d*.² I.e., raye=striped.³ £5 19s. 8*d*.⁴ I.e., before Feb. 14, A.D. 1448-9, for 1447-8, 27 Hen. VI.

for an yren tak to Spenser ys wene [wain]	ij <i>d</i> .
for the poley of yren to the fonte	xvii <i>d</i> .
for rede sylke to amende the cops [copes] herewith	ij <i>d</i> .
we delyvered to the clerke for quyste	iii <i>d</i> .
for clapsyng [clasping] of ij boks	ii <i>d</i> .
for the auter clothe to the clerke	v <i>js</i> .
for the rodeloffte to Crosse [the carpenter]	xls.
for costage yn sekyng of a potte or a crokke	iii <i>d</i> .
for wex and makyng of wex ayens Mydwynter, and other certeyn costs there upon	xv <i>js</i> . vii <i>d</i> .
in the day of the capyter ¹ for sewte of certyn personis	iii <i>d</i> .

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for a tapyr upon the northe auter	v <i>d</i> .
payd to Crosse for the rodeloffte	v <i>js</i> . vii <i>d</i> .
for seekyng of Crosse at Backwell	j <i>d</i> .
for a keye and nayl to the stypyll [steeple] dore [and a few small repairs.]	ii <i>d</i> .

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RECEIPTS BY J. HYLMAN AND J. COKE.

In primis pro collectione cere paschalis recepimus	v <i>js</i> .
„ pro toga Johannis Parker	ii <i>js</i> . iii <i>d</i> .
„ pro taberna nostra in die Pentecoste	v marcs. vs. ⁽²⁾
„ de T. Hygans de pecuniis collectis tabule	xs. ij <i>d</i> .
„ pro superiori parte unius quercus	vii <i>d</i> .
„ de Th. Hygannys pro tabula	xij <i>d</i> .
„ de Waltero Crosse et Edmundo Dole	xii <i>js</i> . iii <i>d</i> .
„ de Vicario pro toga dornebarne [Thorbarne]	i <i>js</i> .
„ de Davy Cradock et Th. Kew lyghtemen	£ii <i>j</i>
„ de Waltero Crosse et Edmunde Dole	v nobil. iii <i>js</i> . ⁽³⁾
„ pro olla enea de Vicario	xxij <i>d</i> .
„ of the old wardens ad solvendum Crosse	v <i>js</i> . vii <i>d</i> .
„ of the old Wardens	v <i>js</i> . vii <i>d</i> .

A.D., mccccli, on the Conversion of S. Paul the Wardens brought in the Accounts, and Thomas Hygans and William Watts were elected Wardens, receiving the balance £vj xixs. xj*d*.

¹ The R. Deanery Chapter was disciplinary, and was used for reporting offences to the Ordinary. In this case the cost of iii*d*. shows that the Wardens did not go as far as Wells. *Vide infra*, *A.D. mccccli.*, p. 94, from which it appears that going to Wells to a chapter cost i*js*. ii*d*.

² £3 11*s*. 8*d*.

³ £1 11*s*. 4*d*.

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Mem. de receptione custod. WILL. HYGHAM AND W. WATTS.

de Johanne Newton pro lumine obitus filie sue pro eo quod expendidit de torticiis	xvj <i>d</i> .
Rec. de custodibus Hylman et Cooke	£iij <i>xs</i> .
„ de fonte taper	vs. ix <i>d</i> .
„ de J. Goodman, lyghtman	xxvj <i>s</i> . viij <i>d</i> .
„ de J. Maryotte ejus socius	xvj <i>s</i> . viij <i>d</i> .
„ de domina p. de Wyke [Philippa Newton, The Lady of Court de Wyke] per manus J. Newton filii sui de legatione domini Ricardi Newton ad solvend. pro campana	xx <i>s</i> .
„ de Johanne Hylman et Johanne Cooke	xx <i>s</i> .
„ de Johanne Maryotte	x <i>s</i> .
„ pro una olla enea vendita	ii <i>s</i> .
„ de Weneman pro tabula	xij <i>d</i> .
„ de Th. Sleche de Banwyle pro pulsatione [bell-ringing]	iiij <i>d</i> .
„ de W. Stable pro tabula	v <i>js</i> . iiij <i>d</i> .
„ pro taberna servicie in festo Pentecoste	£iij
„ de custodibus luminis de Cleve et Claram, Knyght, et Hert, pro taberna propriorum ¹ in festo Michaelis	£iij v <i>js</i> . x <i>d</i> .
„ de Johanne Kynge de Cranemore, nomine legationis	v <i>d</i> .
„ pro olla enea vendita Johanni Hykks	iiij <i>s</i> . v <i>d</i> .
„ de legatione Johannis Wampervile	i <i>s</i> .

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In primis for the auterclothys and the corporall and the clerke hys surplesse, and expenses yn beyng [buying] therof at the feyr [fair]	xiiij <i>s</i> . x <i>d</i> .
Item for wax to the Vicary	vii <i>js</i> . viij <i>d</i> .
„ for yreworke for ij wyndowys to the smyth of Comysbery	ii <i>s</i> . ix <i>d</i> .
„ payede to Crosse for the aler [alure]	xx <i>s</i> .
„ to Crosse ys chylde ² yn reward	xx <i>d</i> .
„ for caryage of the cabell and poley for the strekyng [striking] of the belle	viij <i>d</i> .
„ for wex to the fonte taper and costs ther to	iiij <i>d</i> .
„ for expenses in the day of the weying of the belle	xvj <i>d</i> .
„ for caryage of the belle to Redecleve	vs.
„ for the furste payment for the belle at Brystowe to the bellman	£iij iiij <i>s</i> .
„ for costs in strekyng the grete belle	i <i>js</i>
„ for expenses doo at Bristow yn tyme of the weying of the newe belle in making of our detys and oder expenses dyverse wyse	i <i>js</i> . v <i>d</i> .
„ for custom [toll] for our wene to Bristowe warde comyng and goyng.	iiij <i>d</i> .
„ to the servant of Hew the bellman for clovys	j <i>d</i> .
„ for the takyng adowen of the old belle, and the hongyng up of the newe belle to the bellman	iiij <i>s</i> . iiij <i>d</i> .
„ to Wyll Hurman for fettyng home of the newe belle fro Radcleve	vs.

¹ Of their own neighbours.² A serving-lad.

for dyverse expenses yn mete and drynke yn the day of the caryage of the belle
homward iijs. jd.
[other small items.]

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for Crosse ys labour yn makynge of the lede for the holy water stone¹ ij*d.*
to the same Crosse for the Aler vjs. viij*d.*
to the belle yn the Wendisdaye of Wytsondaye tyme of our taverne we payede [the
money gathered at the Ale, and paid on spot] xls.
to Crosse at anoder payment for the Aler ij marcs iiij*d.*²
for glewe to the Aler iiij*d.*
for the payntyng of the deske cloth xvjd.
,, for the byndyng of the boks vs.

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On the Feast of S. Scholastica (Febr. x), the said Wardens made their account :
William at Wyke and John Valwe were chosen Wardens, and the balance of the
account is lvij*s.* xd.

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RECEIPTS.

FROM THE OLD WARDENS, W. HYGHAM AND W. WATTS.

In primis de legato Johannis Gybbis de Tykkenam [Tickenham] xij*d.*
Item de legato Th. Drewette, pro uno boviclo iijs. iiij*d.*
,, de J. Dele et J. Crosse custodibus luminis de Yatton pro taberna ipsorum
iiij mark vjs. xd.³
,, de legato Alicie Beny uxoris Johannis Webbe de Stoke xij*d.*
,, de J. Wale de debito antiquo xs.
,, pro ligniclis⁴ de Vicario vjd.
,, pro cera paschalis candeles vjs. ix*d.*
,, de legato R. Kyfte vjs. viij*d.*
,, pro taberna J. Fischer et Philip Beny pro lumine de Clar et Cleve xlvjs. xd.
,, pro tabula de Johanne Salamon, juniore ij*d.*
,, de eodem Johanne sub nomine legati pro pyxide xij*d.*
,, de eodem Johanne sub nomine legati ecclesie xij*d.*
,, de W. Wylling ex debito antiquo vijs. jd.
Summa £xiiij xix*s.* iiij*d.*

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¹ *I.e.*, Stoup.

² £1 6*s.* 11*d.*

³ £3 0*s.* 2*d.*

⁴ *I.e.*, small wood, probably shrouding of the Church-hay.

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In primis for wex boffte of the Vicar, xxj lb.	viijs. ix <i>d</i> .
„ for wex boffte at Bristow, iiij lb.	xx <i>d</i> .
„ to John Sloo, for his pension [stipend]	ijs.
„ for takyng adown of the tymber of the Chapyll of Synt Jamys	vij <i>d</i> .
„ for werkemanschyp of tymber to Synt Jamys ys chapylle	iijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
„ for makyng of the walle to the same chapyl	ijs. j <i>d</i> .
„ for the costage yn caryage abowte tyler and erthe and stone to the same chapyll	xiiij <i>d</i> .
„ for latthenayles in numero M. pretio	xviiij <i>d</i> .
„ for tyle stone and the caryage of the same stone from Naylsey, and costs also to Hurman	ijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
„ for a precescionall boke to the cherche	xiijs. viij <i>d</i> .
„ for helyng [tiling] of Synt Jamys ys Chapell to R. Tyler of Backwyll	vs. vij <i>d</i> .
„ for Ale gebyn to the parysch of Myll Blewett, ¹ ys bayle yn rewarde	iiij <i>d</i> .
„ for muse ² gaderede [gathered] to Synt Jamys ys chapell	iiij <i>d</i> .
„ for costs doyn abowt the oke boffte from hyde wode	xx <i>d</i> .

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yn costage to Well for sowte of [suit touching] the churche gods [goods] yn two tymes ³	xviiij <i>d</i> .
for makeng of the chyldren surpel [surplices]	xd.
yn costs for laboryng at Wells for Crosse	iiij <i>d</i> .
yn costs at Wells for the Chapter for the cherche ys neds at laste tymys ³	ijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
[Total expenses]	£v xiijs. xj <i>d</i> .

JOHN HYKKE and WALTER ROPER to be Wardens.

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RECEIPTS OF HYKKE AND ROPER,

de antiquis custodibus	£viiij vs. vij <i>d</i> .
ex legato Roberti Ken	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
pro vasto tortitorum [torches] obitus Roberti Ken	ijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
de W. Durnebarne et Isabell Hurdewych protaberna ipsorum	£iiij xx <i>d</i> .
[There is also the usual Pentecost Ale]	£iiij vij <i>d</i> .
de W. Meye et R. Knyght de Claram [Claverham] pro taberna ipsorum pro lumine	xliijs. xd.
pro uno coopertorio de legato uxoris J. Hatte	vs.
pro vitulo de legato Steph. Colman	iiijs.
de legato W. Pyke de Ken	xvij <i>d</i> .

¹ *I.e.*, an Ale was given to the parish by one of the Blewett family, once seated at Hinton Bluet. His Bailiff in reward got a fee of iiij*d*.

² Moss was laid under the tiles, as felt is now, for a thickening.

³ Understand some suit in the Consistorial Court of the Chapter of Wells touching the fabric or ornaments of the Church.

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pro consecratione campane, suffraganeo ¹	vjs.
pro manutergio paschali	ijs.
pro factura superpellicie	iijs.
pro terrubulo [thurible] et olei vase et canabo [canvas] et navi ²	ixs. iiij <i>℥</i> .
in expensis factis apud Wryngton in servisia ecclesie	viijs.
[a quantity of stone bought.]	
J. Crosse, Carpenter, and John Sutton are paid xxs. and xls.	
[No other special entries.]	
Balance paid to incoming wardens	£x viijs. <i>jd</i> .

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W. BURNELL AND J. FYSCHER, WARDENS.

[Only one legacy.]

de vicario ex dono pro pavimento et solario	vjs. viij <i>℥</i> .
pro tabula altaris	vijs. v <i>℥</i> .
de Philippa Newton pro vasto cere tortitorium in die sepulture filie sue, pro iiij lb.	xvj <i>℥</i> .
pro taberna Thome Beny	v marcs ijs.
et R. Bowton juniore, custodi luminis de Yatton	iiij marcs vs.
pro taberna J. Herte et J. Wyllyng custodibus luminis de Cleve et Clarum	iiij marcs ijs. ³

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EXPENSES.

In primis Johanni Crosse pro solario	xxvjs. viij <i>℥</i> .
„ for a lyne to the leynte clothe [Lent cloth]	ij <i>℥</i> .
„ for a glase to the lampe	<i>jd</i> .
„ for a gurdell to the vestments	<i>jd</i> .
„ for John Sloo ys salery	ijs.
„ for expenses atte Cherche ale of Wryngton	x <i>℥</i> .
[Many payments to Crosse.]	
„ payede for divers colers to the Aler [Alure]	vjs. v <i>℥</i> .
„ costage yn setting uppe of the Aler, the fyrste daye	ijs. viij <i>℥</i> .
„ payede an ernyste peny to the clerke	<i>jd</i> .
„ yn laberyng yn costs to ryde to speke with the clerke atte Hunspylle	iiij <i>℥</i> .
„ for colers late boffte at Bristow	ijs. <i>jd</i> .
„ for the paynter ys hyre a wyke [week]	xx <i>℥</i> .

¹ James, Bishop of Aghadoe, was at this time employed by Bishop Beckington.

² “Navis,” generally “navicula,” or boat; the vessel which is used to hold the incense before it is put with a spoon into the censer or thurible.

³ £3 9*s*. 8*d*., £2 18*s*. 4*d*., and £2 16*s*. 4*d*.

for the same payenter ys bedde	ijd.
for yren worke for the syler [Cieler]	xxd.
for John Sotton ys labor in payyng	xxs.
for bords from Sowtheampton	vjs. viijd.
for ij bords boffte at Brystow	iijs. xd.

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for caryage of the same borde by twyne ¹ [South] Hampton and Chew	vjs. viijd.
for costs yn the bargan makyng	ijd.
for costs yn the caryage of the same borde betwyne Chew and home	xd.
for nayls boffte to the syler	jd.
for colers	xiijs. vjd.
for feschyng [fetching] of a stone from Chelvey to grynde colers therwith	jd.
for drawing of bords to schylyng [ceiling]	ijs. vjd.
to Crosse at a payment for the syler	xxs.
to Crosse at another tyme for the syler	xxs.
to J. Hykkes for trussyng of the [? s]hyde and the Crosse with the Maryes	iiijd.
for glovys ² for dewtees to Crosse yn setting uppe of the worke fesste of the syler	iiijd.
for one erneste peny to J. Smyth	jd.
for an ernyste to J. Hykkes in makyng of segs [seats]	jd.
to J. Sutton for payyng, payed	xxs.
for wyndeyng oute of robell [rubble] at the awterys and oder thyngs	vjd.
for sawdyng [soldering] glew to crosse	iijd.
for a quarte of peyntyng oyle	vd.
for dyvers colers boffte [bought]	xxijd.
y payde to Crosse for the syler	vjs. viijd.
payede for golde to paynte the angell	vjs.
for mendyng of a keye to the vicedore	jd.
for yren to the rodeloffte, payde to J. Smyth	ijs. vjd.
Balance	xxxs. iijd.

The new Wardens are W. BREKEBEKE and THOMAS HARBELL.

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De receptis pecuniis pro tabula altaris.

de Walt. Carter	vjd.	de J. Watts	iiijd.
„ T. Wylyng	iiijd.	„ Stephano Coleman	xxd.
„ J. Bowden	iiijd.	„ W. Brekebeke	ijs.
„ T. Beny	xvjd.	„ J. Sloo	iiijd.
„ J. Scott	viijd.		Sa. vjs. vjd.

¹ *I.e.*, between.

² Gloves as a complimentary fee to the Carpenter on completing his work for the ceiler's hands.

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Summa solvendorum ex parte W. Wylyng et Prewett	xxxvijs.
Mem. quod W. Wylyng indebitus est ecclæ de Yatton à tempore quo erat custos eccl. sc. omnibus satisfactis satisfaciendis, et allocatis allocandis	vijs.
Et dicit quod solvit de summa dimissa a tempore suo J. Hylman et J. Coke success- oribus suis V nobiles per Wale et remiss. nobile de Welett istius debiti	xs.
Remanet solvenda ex pte W. Wylyng ecclæ	vijs.
Solutum est J. Crosse pro solario diversis temporibus a diversis Custodibus, a tempore quo incepit opus suum in ecclesia de Yatton	£xviiij xiijs.
Et sic remanet sibi [<i>sic</i>] solvendum	£iij vjs. <i>vd.</i>

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A.D. mcccclo. i.e., 1455-6 for 1454-5.

W. BREKEBEKE, JUN., AND THOS. HARBELL.

Eighteen Bequests; some in money, some in kind, as a heifer, a sheep, a brass pot, &c.
Several gifts, *e.g.* :—

de dono Banvyle	vjs.
„ Canonici de Staverdale	iijs.
„ J. Clerke quod Crede solvet	iiij <i>d.</i>
„ W. Wever pro xij imaginibus	xijs.
„ Vicarii pro iiij „	iijs.
„ W. Stabbe pro ij „	ijs.
„ T. Harbell pro ij „	ijs.
„ W. Brekebeke pro ij „	ijs.
„ J. Efle pro j „	xij <i>d.</i>
„ J. Pyke pro ij „	ijs.
„ R. Dornebarne pro ij „	ijs.
„ J. Hylman pro j „	xij <i>d.</i>
pro annulo aureo ex legato sororis J. Hylman	ijs. vj <i>d.</i>
pro taberna Roberti Ynggram et W. Brekebeke custodum luminum de Yatton	£iiij iiij <i>d.</i>
pro cera paschalis candeles	vs. x <i>d.</i>
ex taberna Kysste et Brademerse	xlvijs. viij <i>d.</i>

Summa £xiiij xvijs. *vd.*

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EXPENSES.

a potell of paynters oyl	x <i>d.</i>
for vernaysche [varnish], a pound and a quarter	x <i>d.</i>
for glew and diverse colers for the loffte	iiijs. x <i>d.</i>
for chelke [chalk] and greye cayk [cake] and paper	j <i>d.</i>
for a buyschel of schyryds for make cole [charcoal]	iiij <i>d.</i>
Itm. for makyng and mendyng of glasse to the church	

for a barre yn the cherche dore, and a crampe of yre [iron] in the sowthe syde of the soler xij*d*.
 for expenses at Crosse ys ale yn setting uppe of the poste of the rode-lofte ii*d*.
 Itm. ypayde to Crosse for hys labor yn the lofte xjs.
 Itm. for labour of ryngers and yevyrs [givers] of ale to [*i.e.*, at] Banvyle [Banwell].
 for the chandeler yn the rodelofte, to Jenken Smyth of Comysbury xiijs. iiij*d*.
 for ale gevynt to Crosse yn certeyn tymis yn hys worke to make hym wel welledde [well-willed] ij*d*. ob.

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for erneste peny to the ymage maker j*d*.
 to setting up of the ymages iiij*d*.
 for colde [charcoal] whyche J. Smythe made upon the yren werke xvij*d*.

[Many entries of large sums paid for the syler and for colours.]

for the ymages to the rodeloffte yn number lxix £iij xs. iiij*d*.
 for fette a down a stone of the Spyre, the hyre and cost xvij*d*.
 for makynge the wyndow yn the stepyll and the batylment iijs. iiij*d*.
 for setting up the yren worke to the syler v*d*.
 for takeyng a don of the olde lofte and makynge of the trestell xij*d*.

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yn costys in ystyre [Easter] monday to tary at the Vycary ys hoce [house] for the
 preces [? priests] j*d*.
 for j man to helpe to wymmynge [winnowing] the malte to [*i.e.*, at] the mylle ij*d*.

PAGE 46. [Stone is bought at Dundry for the spire and steeple.]

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to gaderyng of oyestere scellys [oyster shells] j*d*. ob.
 for takynge away of the corvyll [corbel] stonys of the Alere xij*d*.
 for mendyng of the wyndows and legynge of the dore above the stere [stair].
 for the mynde of Wyllian Malsyll and Annese Harrys ij*d*.
 for the mynde of Wylliam Bowton j*d*.

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for makynge of the Threhehwgll [threshold] to the porche ix*d*.
 for the makynge of the hole above the stere xij*d*.
 for cropys [cramps] to the tabyll [prob. Parapet] of the syde allee [aisle] ij*d*.
 to Bole [Bull] of Axbridge lxs. xiijs. iiij*d*.

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[Eight small payments in Latin, and in a new hand.]

[All the above pages from page 43 full of entries, but none at all unusual beside those noted.]

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¹ Page 45 of the original accounts begins here, and is entitled "Costagiys" [costages]. It is written in a new hand which lasts to near the end of page 48, and in very bad spelling, and in English.

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A.D. mccccvii. i.e., 1457-8 for 1456-7.

JOHN [HORTE] AND JOHN GOODMAN.

Receyvdy of Wyllyam Colyns and John [Stevyn the late Wardens] xjd.

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RECEIPTS.

of J. Godeman and J. Horte [successors to Colins and Stevyn] recevede for the
pascall tapyr vs. ix*d*.
for [? from] the lytemen of Cleve, Recharde Hayman and John Coukar for the taveryn
yrecevede iiij marke ijs. (!)
for the lytemen of the northe syde, J. Pyke, and T. Avery, for a taveryn *£*iiij xiijs.
for the wardeyns of Yatton for a taverne ale, yn clere *£*iiij xs. viijs*d*.
of John Stevyn and Wyllyam Colyngs of the Recete of the rayer [rear] yere xjd.

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EXPENSYS.

[Several purchases of colours at Bristol.]

to wrytyng of a boke to an ely [anneal] a syke man, to Thomas of Kyngnstun in all
costys xviijs*d*.
to the chorchemen for schryde wode yn the chorchehay jd.
for clothe to make aubys [albs] to the chorche vjs.
for makyng faste of the emagys [images] at the hye Croce xij*d*.
for the three "myndes," Malsell, Harris, and Bowton

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for wax ybowte to make the lyte to fore the crosse xxxiijs. iiij*d*.

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MEM. The Wardynys of the Schorche of Yatton, Recharde Thorbarne and Ric.

Knyhygt [Knight] recevede of the schorche godes in honde, *£*vij vjd.

[Receipts as usual.]

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to J. Hyckys to make a Judas, and the font tapyr viijs*d*.
for xxvj cappys xiijs*d*.

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for a corde to the canapy ij*d*. ob

[Much plumber's work in roof of porch.]

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William Thorbarne and Davy Cradoke, the new Wardens, receive from R. Thorbarne

and R. Knight the balance of *£*x xixs

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[Detached entries belonging to Cradok and Thorbarne's year, but crossed out.]

*£*1 8s. 8*d*.

[The spire was still in hand ; a regyl [rail?] was made about it, and much plumbing done ; the surplus lead was sold to the Vicar.]

PAGE 60. Nomina promitt. pro ymaginibus. XV nomina.

MEM. that there ys payede to Crosse for the makyng and peyntyng of the Aler of the Chorche £xxxj ijs. xjd.

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A.D. mccccviii. i.e., 1458-9 for 1457-8.

DAVY CRADDOKE AND WYLLYAM THORBARNE, SUCCESSORS TO R. THORBARNE
AND R. KNIGHT.
Balance £x xixs.

RECEIPTS from ALES and BEQUESTS.

EXPENSES.

In lede at iiij. viij*d.*, the C. Summa £iiij xs. iiij*d.*
It. to make a regyl [? Rail] abowte the batylmente xv*d.*
,, for a Plomer to hely the batylmente for the styple vjs.
,, for Ire gare [Iron-gear] farmentes, hokys, and other thynges to the chorche euce
[use], vj Skore li. [six score pounds of iron] at xij*d.* a li.
,, for sande to ley the lede [for casting the lead] v*d.*
,, for makyng clene of Syn Jamys schapdell [chapel]. ij*d.*

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,, for makyng iiij torches agenste candylmas ijs.
,, for byndyng of ij portoce bokys iijs. iiij*d.*
,, for pavyng of the chorche, to W. Hyll £iiij

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A.D. mccccix. i.e., 1459-60 for 1458-9.

WARDENS, THOMAS THOMAS AND WYLLYAM MAY.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from CRADDOKE and THORBARNE £x xvijs. iiij*d.*, and xij ryngs.

EXPENSES.

It. for iiij bushels barleche [barley] of the queste of J. May xx*d.*

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It. to the carpynter for to cely [ceil] the Rodlofte (in erneste) jd.
,, for walsche [*i.e.*, foreign, probably Wainscot] bord and plankys xxxiij*s.*
xxx zeme of bordys, xij*d.*, the zeme, and ij zeme of plangys xij*d.* the zeme.
,, for lyme to pavy the chorch iiij*d.*

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It to a mendy a crosse of latyn iiij*d.*
,, for pentyng [painting] the Rodlofte £iiij
,, for a croke to hang the Trendyll vjd.

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It. iiij $\frac{1}{2}$. wex to fulfyl the rele	
„ for a staynede clothe to Syn Colas [S. Nicolas] auter	iiij $\frac{1}{2}$ s. ij $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
Total expenses	£ix xijs.

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPENSES.

for Weeryner	ijs. iiij $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
To Wylliam Hyll for ye batylmente of V panys [bays]	xxxvs.
To same Wyll, for ye playne worke at the weste zyn [west end] of y ^e cherche	xij $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
To same for makyng [good] ij brokyng panes	xs.
For a newe pynnakyll	xij $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
for the helyng of ij tomys [tombs] of Isbell Symmys and alys Fischer	ij $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
for a carchawe [kerchief] to the chals [chalice]	ij $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
to the clerke for rep [er] yng [repairing] of and setting on of a norfys ¹	ij $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

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A.D. mccccx. i.e., 1460-61 for 1459-60.

WARDENS, JOHN WYLLYNG AND W. AVERY.

receiving from Thomas and May	Balance £ix xijs.
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EXPENSES.

As for the grayell [grail]	viiij marcs ²
for makyng of the stolys	xiiij $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
for mendyng of the orgyns	ij $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
for mendyng the hole in the cherche payment in mendyng of the pylpyt	vd.

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Total	£ix xvs. xd.
Balance	£xij xvjs.

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Received for the quota [? quarter]	vs, viij $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
„ for a coppe [cope]	ls.
Total receipts [of John Bene and John Seffe, who present their accounts in the next page].	£xxij xijs.

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A.D. mccccxi. i.e., 1461-2 for 1360-61.

JOHN BENE³ AND JOHN SEFFE, WARDENS.

receiving Balance from Wylling and Avery	£xij xvjs.
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PAYMENTS.

for flakys [hurdles] to make scafote [scaffold]	xd.
for a lampe of braste [brass]	viiij $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
for a clothe to the sepulkyr	xxvjs. viij $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
for makyng of ij crosts [crosses?]	iijs.

¹ An orphrey.

² £5 6s. 8d.

³ Called, in 1463, by his trade, Wever.

for ij scholys [shovels]	ij <i>d.</i>
for mending of abys [albs]	iiij <i>d.</i>
for frestonys	xviij <i>s.</i>
for bredd and ale and fysch to the caryng [carrying] of the stonys	iijs. <i>xd.</i>
¹ pro lapidibus	vjs. viij <i>d.</i>
pro ciphis	vij <i>d.</i> ob.
pro la panno benedicto	vj <i>d.</i> ob.
pro calcibus (et in expensis iiij <i>d.</i>)	<i>xd.</i>
pro emendatione pelvis sub lampade	ij <i>d.</i>
pro descisione arborum in cimiterio	ij <i>d.</i>
pro reparatione magnorum candelaborum	iijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
pro tribulo [thuribulo] et patella ferrea	iiij <i>d.</i>
pro dealbatione ecclesie Willelmo Hill	xjs.
Item Willelmo Hill	xiijs. viij <i>d.</i>
pro una scala	vij <i>d.</i>
pro uno vase ad dealbandam ecclesiam	iiij <i>d.</i>
pro alio vase quod mutuati sumus vel conduximus à Joh. Pycke	iiij <i>d.</i>
pro disco stanneo ad reparationem candelaborum	vj <i>d.</i>
pro calcibus	xiiij <i>d.</i>
pro expensis in adquisitione ipsorum	iiij <i>d.</i>
pro expensis in nundinis [Fair] S. Johannis, Bristollie	xij <i>d.</i>
ad turibulum novum argenteum et pyxidem	£iij
ad turibulum argenteum	xvjs. viij <i>d.</i>
pro capsulis ligneis pyxidibus et turribuli	vij <i>d.</i>
pro una scapha [censer]	j <i>d.</i>
Item solvimus vicario	vjs. viij <i>d.</i>

[Several other entries, of stones, &c., and repairs of pinnacles.]

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RECEPTA. [Four items; and also Eleven Payments belonging to Bene and Seffe.

Then Four items of receipt belonging to their successors Brekebeke and Symmys,

to whom they pay Balance] £iiij xivs.

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W. BREKBEKE, JUNIOR, AND RICHARD SYMMYS, *alias* HURDWYCH, WARDENS.

EXPENSES.

pro emendatione cerarum [locks] thesaurie [treasury, probably the parvise]	vij <i>d.</i>
pro virga ferrea, ad altum altare	j <i>d.</i> ob.
per Vicarium pro impetratione brevis circa [unfinished]	xxs.

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RECEIPTS from the usual sources. Balance paid to Bene and Hillman . . . £viiij *xjd.*

¹ Change of hand and language.

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TH. BENE AND WILLIAM HILLMAN, WARDENS.

EXPENSES.

Sacristario pro custodia campanarum	iijs.
pro appositione cere ad hostium	j <i>d</i> .
pro clavis ad magnas ceras	ix <i>d</i> .
pro commutatione campane sacramentalis ¹	xv <i>d</i> .
pro commutatione phiolarum ¹	v <i>d</i> .
pro ij zonis vestimentorum	ij <i>d</i> .
pro emptura nove calicis	℥v vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
² In costs to ryde to Woke [Wookey] ³ to blesse the chals	ii <i>j</i> <i>d</i> . ob.
[Several repairs to the bells, and wax bought, as usual.]	

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RECEIPTS.

In primis collegimus et recepimus pro cera paschali	vjs. j <i>d</i> .
pro superpelliciis antiquis venditis	iiij <i>d</i> .
[From Bequests and Gifts in kind and money, and from Ales.]	
It. Thomas [the Warden] dedit empture calicis	viij <i>d</i> .

EXPENSES [supplementary].

English.	{	for a case for the chals	viij <i>d</i> .
		for ye Plumer mendyng of the Sowthe Ele [Aisle] ⁴	xjs. x <i>d</i> .
		for ye molds makyng and costs	iijs. viij <i>d</i> .

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J. AVERY AND J. GODKNAVE, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Bene and Hylman	℥vij xiijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
received for torchys of my lady Nuton, bernyng at the [in]terment	x <i>d</i> .
„ of Jone Waltrys for candels to the trendel	j <i>d</i> .
[Fourteen contributions for candles,—a new item ; nine bequests, three Ales.]	

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paid for the goggyn [gudgeon] of the grete bell	j <i>d</i> .
paid for chechyng ⁵ of too cruetts	vj <i>d</i> .
we paid at wakyng at sepulcure	ij <i>d</i> .
„ for fylling of a elme	ij <i>d</i> .
„ for frenge [fringe] to the curtens	xij <i>d</i> .
„ for rynglys [rings] to the curtens	ij <i>d</i> .

¹ *Qy.* whether exchanged for the new chalice.

² Bishop Bekynton's Manor-house.

³ Mis-spelt for "fetching."

⁴ Change to English.

⁵ Also spelled Isle, Yle, Aisle, and Aile.

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paid to schote the braste ¹	ijs. viij <i>d</i> .
the costs to schote the same braste in mete and dryng	j <i>d</i> . ob.
payd for coleryng and gylldyng	iiij <i>d</i> .

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A.D. mccccxvi.

J. DOLE AND T. WALL, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Avery and Godknav.	£x xvjs.
From usual sources. Total	£xxj ob.

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for making tymbyr, ² and making of steches ³	xxj <i>d</i> .
for ale to menne wakyng at the sepulchre	iiij <i>d</i> .
for a paks ⁴	xd.
for Annys Lancotynngs myne ⁵	j <i>d</i> .
for bred and ale to hyr myne	ij <i>d</i> .
for the wyndow levys ⁶	
Total expenses	£iiij xijs. vj <i>d</i> . ob.

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T. KEWE AND JOHN HURT, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Dole and Wale	£xvj viijs. ij <i>d</i> .
of June Mey to the peyntyng of the Mary	ij <i>d</i> .
of June Kewe to the same	
for a broken posenett [Pot]	xvj <i>d</i> .

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EXPENSES.

payd for anyng of wyndow-levys ⁶ in the treser-howse	vj <i>d</i> .
to make the scafote ⁷ to the peynter	iiij <i>d</i> .

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to the peynter to peynt owre Lady	£iiij
to J. Bowton to bryng home the auter clothe fro John Alangotyn	iiij <i>d</i> .
to the peynter to peynt the Crystofer	xxs.

¹ To cast the brass.² Dressing the log.³ Stacks of small wood or bark.⁴ Pax.⁵ Mind.⁶ Folding shutters.⁷ Scaffold.

to R. Rowe to veche a capull ¹ at Wrynton, and to lede hym home	ij <i>d</i> .
to gorney [Gurney's] son to lede home the capull	j <i>d</i> .
for a pyggs wote ²	ij <i>d</i> .

Total, £ix xij*s*. ij*d*.

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[Three small items belonging to last account :—the rest blank.]

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J. KYNGE AND W. WHITYNG, WARDENS.

Balance from Kewe and Hort	£xv viij <i>s</i> .
Receipts as usual. Total	£xxv xvij <i>s</i> . x <i>d</i> .

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[A bell is re-cast at Bristol.]

to the bellmanys man to wene ³ the bell	j <i>d</i> .
to help wyne ⁴ uppe the lytyll bell	j <i>d</i> .
payd to vetch the capull at Clevedon	ij <i>d</i> .

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to J. Harnell for ij nygts wakyng the sepulcur	ij <i>d</i> .
casting the bell alone cost	£iiij iij <i>s</i> . ix <i>d</i> .
for ij stavys to bere the cloth hover howr lord	ij <i>d</i> .
for mendyng ⁵ iiij beryels in the chorche	xiiij <i>d</i> .
for a stafe, and to peynt the stavys	ij <i>d</i> .
for peyntyng the crystofer	xxij <i>s</i> . v <i>d</i> .

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payd to John Kyng to lede the capul to Clevedon	j <i>d</i> .
Total, £ix x <i>s</i> . iiij <i>d</i> .	

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T. AVERY AND J. TOWKER, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Whyting and Kyng	£xv xvij <i>s</i> . vij <i>d</i> .
T. Kewe and J. Harte owyng to the parasche x <i>s</i> . that they delyvered to the peynter with owte leve of the parasche	
received of a chapman ⁶ to ston ⁷ in the porche	ob.
„ of my lady Newton for bernyng of the torgs ⁸	xij <i>d</i> .
„ of my mastras ⁹ for brenyng of the torges	xij <i>d</i> .

¹ A horse.

² A pig's foot, a vessel for carrying coal or such like.

³ Wene = either "win," *i.e.*, bring it home, or "wain."

⁴ Wind.

⁵ The Wardens were liable for making good the pavement after interments, and on this ground took vj*s*. viij*d*. as a fee.

⁶ A Pedlar allowed to sell his wares on some feast-day.

⁷ Stand, *i.e.*, with his wares.

⁸ Torches.

⁹ Masters, the Newtons.

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EXPENSES.

for ij regets, ¹ and for threde therto	vjd.
for a 3ete ²	iijs.
for the caryng home of the same 3ete	vjd.
to E. Gole to mend the bellyn ³	vjd.
for ij apryns ⁴	vjd.
for xiiij coppys ⁵	vijjd.
for a corporas, and for makying the panne to the censer	iijd. ob.

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for iiij yerds of clothe to hang by fore the Mare [Mary]	xxijjd.
yn mete and dryngg to brek the wex, and mylte ⁶ hyt	ijjd.
payd for the enterying at the corte to rere [? recover] the mony agenst J. Dole	iijd.
to clerke to reppe ⁷ howte ye lynyng and setting yn a 3e [or ye] in the vest-ments	jdd.

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R. WYLLYNG AND R. BENE, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

including Balance £xxij ijs. vd. from Averaye and Towker	£xxxj ijs. ijd.
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for reppying ⁷ owte y ^e loke, and setting yn a 3e of y ^e Treser-house dore	vijjd.
for payyng of Stabys beryell	iiijjd.
for sityng ⁸ of the Church Wardens	iiijjd.

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A.D. mccccxx. Feast of St. Matthew, Ap.

J. APPASSYE AND RICHARD WYLLYNG, PROCTURRS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Bene and Bowton	£xxiiij xs. vijjd.
of the bequest of the lady of Clevedon	xijjd.

[A most unusual number of bequests, 29 in all, both in kind and in money, but no gifts.]

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EXPENSES.

in costs to ryde to Wells to speke with the recever, a ponne ij men	ixd.
to the sextyn	iijs.
in mete and dryngk a ponne vij men to chese ⁹ tymbyr. [repeated 1471.]	vijjd.
in do to bar yn y ^e tymbyr yn to Syn Jays ¹⁰ cherge	ijjd.

¹ Rochets.

² Gate.

³ Plural of bell.

⁴ Aprons.

⁵ A citation by the Ordinary.

⁶ Melt.

⁷ Ripping.

⁸ A mark perhaps Y for Yatton, see next accounts.

⁹ Choose.

¹⁰ St. James'.

[Several entries about felling timber, quarrying stones, and "stabelyng"¹ of stones.]

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for amending of the vyne² in the rodelotte j*d*

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A.D. mccccxxi.

W. PREWETT AND J. KEWE, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Appassy and Willyng	£xxiiij xs. x <i>d</i> .
Bequest : viz., fro ij childryn	xij <i>d</i> .
The Ales as usual.	

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EXPENSES.

to iij men to wake at the sepulcure	iiij <i>d</i> .
to make a baner	v <i>d</i> .
in mete and dryng upon men to speke to Fejamys ³ for the cherge howce ⁴	v <i>d</i> .
for ij wey cole	xs.
for makynge a kylle, ⁵ and y ^e lyme-berner	
to bere hyt alonne ⁶ from the bote	xiiij <i>d</i> .
in cost in mete and dryng to carie home stonys and breyng ⁷ of the fundament	xs. iij <i>d</i> .

PAGE 100. [Much stone and lime bought, and lime burnt.]

to leying of the fundaments	vjs. iij <i>d</i> .
for the weleberow	xviij <i>d</i> .
for makynge a schorde ⁸ at the wyte croste ⁹	ij <i>d</i> .
for makynge of y ^e style yn y ^e Cherch hay wall ¹⁰	xxij <i>d</i> .

PAGE 101. [Two oaks and some elm trees bought.]

for rydyng ¹¹ of the new howse	iiij <i>d</i> .
for makynge a cherche hay wall	xij <i>d</i> .
for remeve ¹² ij dores	xij <i>d</i> .
to remeve the mantell broddy ¹³	iiij <i>d</i> .
for wote mele ¹⁴	iiij <i>d</i> .

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Have yn myne ¹⁵ that John Appassye and R. Wylyng owyt to Will. Prewytt and John Kewe	xs. x <i>d</i> .
and Jo. Bowton owyt to same men	xs.

¹ The stone was quarried at Felton and Hendeley, brought home green, stacked—perhaps thatched—till seasoned enough for use in the building of the Church-house in 1471.

² The vine-pattern cornice.

³ Fitz-james; probably of the family seated at Redlynch, near Bruton, the head of which became Chief Justice, temp. H. VII–VIII.

⁴ Church-house.

⁵ Kiln.

⁶ Along.

⁷ Bringing.

⁸ Shard, *i.e.*, a gap.

⁹ The white Cross.

¹⁰ Again, p. 101.

¹¹ Ridding.

¹² Removing.

¹³ Broader.

¹⁴ Oat-meal.

¹⁵ Mind.

A.D. mccccxxii.

J. THURBARN AND J. HYCKS, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Prewet and Kewe	£xij vijs. ij <i>d</i> .
Total	£xxvj ix <i>s</i> . viij <i>d</i> .

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recevyd for the hyre of the chamber in the Cherche howse	xij <i>d</i> .
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for iiij hukmuckes ²	vj <i>d</i> .
for hopyng ³	ii <i>j</i> <i>d</i> .
for mendyng of the chetyll and of the pannys	ii <i>j</i> <i>d</i> .
for makyng of a pygges fote	ii <i>j</i> <i>d</i> .
I payde at Wryngton at the Cherche Ale	xij <i>d</i> .

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A.D. mccccxxii—iii.

J. THURBARN AND J. HYCKS, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Prewett and Kewe	£xij vijs. ij <i>d</i> .
for candyls of the rele	j <i>d</i> .
and for chese that was y ^e ve to the setting up of y ^e tymber	vi <i>j</i> <i>d</i> .

[Bequests and Ales as usual.]

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[Nothing unusual in the payments.]

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A.D. mccccxxiii—iv.

W. STABBE AND J. HURDEWYCHE, PROCTYRYS.

RECEIPTS.

From the rather ⁴ Procturys Thorbarm and Hycks	xv <i>s</i> .
from the Vikarye, for the new chamber	x <i>d</i> .
of J. Hurdewyche, for the hyre of the howse	xij <i>d</i> .
of W. Hoper, for the howse	xij <i>d</i> .
of W. Hyllman, for the Cherche howse	xij <i>d</i> .
of W. Hurdewyche for the howse	xij <i>d</i> .

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Total	£xiiij ix <i>s</i> . viij <i>d</i> .
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¹ The date of these entries is doubtful, the sheet being misplaced.² Something for wiping the feet. Cf. Jennings' Somt. Dialect.³ Hooping.⁴ Earlier, comparative of rathe = early.

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Among the EXPENSES.

to Thomas Smythe for wrestys and hartys for y^e dorys xvjd.
for "motyng of the Asschys"¹. xxd.
for formes and Trestylls yn ye chamber ijs. viijd.
and for other small articles of furniture and plant, for entertainment in the Church
house.
A well is lined with stone for the use of the house.

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Total expenses £vij ix*d*.

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A.D. mccccxxiv-v. Feb. vj.

W. BREDMERE AND R. WALE, WARDENS.

Balance from the "rather" Wardens² £vj vjd. and viij rings
Divers gifts to the Kyve,³ and to the Church house.

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[Bradmere and Wale's expenses, numerous, but usual, save continued outlay on the
Church-house and its well. No balance struck.]

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A.D. mccccxxv. February viij.

J. MEY AND RIC. BRADMERE, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Bradmere and Wale £vij xs. jd.
[Among these are six sums for the Church-house; but whether for hire of it, or as gifts
is not stated.]

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EXPENSES.

of Mey and Bradmere; no balance struck.

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[No heading, date, or Warden's name.]

RECEIPTS.

[from bequests, chiefly for lime, and from gifts not summed up.]

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Headed: "Expenses of the Cherche howse."

[carefully compiled from previous Wardens' accounts, filling 7¼ pages:—not summed
up.]

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[A memorandum of six persons from whom wax had been borrowed by the Wardens
of 1476.]

¹ *I.e.*, grubbing up the Ash trees. "Moot" is in Somerset the part of the tree just above and below the ground-line.

² William "Brown" and J. Hurdewyche. "Brown" was probably the alternative name of W. Stabbe.

³ Otherwise Kive or Keeve, a large brewing-tub.

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A.D. mccccxxvi-vii. January xxix.

W. BREKEBEKE (CLEVE) AND R. GAMELYN, WARDENS.

the Successors of Mey and Bradmere, whose balance is specified, viz. , £xiiij xijs. vd.

RECEIPTS.

[Six items for hirings of the Church-house of xvjd, each, and two for hire of the chetyl¹.

The House and its utensils are a source of yearly revenue. Ales, bequests of money, corn, garments, rings, cattle, &c.]

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EXPENSES.

For iiij goote skynnys ²	iijs. iiijd.
for mending of the organs for v wokes, labor, ijs. a woke	xs.
for hys table for y ^e sayd v wokes, and for hys bed, fyre, and candle	vs.
for verde grese ³ for torches	vd.

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for the caryage of the Altar-table from Wellys⁴. ijd.

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A.D. m.cccc.lxxvii-viii. February vj.

J. THURBARN AND T. KNYGHT, WARDENS,

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Brekebeke and Gamelyn , £xix xiijs. iijd.

[An unusual number of bequests : among them,]

Of the bequest of y^e children of John Crosse xxd.

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EXPENSES.

to T. Hathwey for hopying y ^e bokett and an yren chayne	iijs. vjd.
to W. Hoper for Trendellys	viijs.
for clensyng of y ^e hye chambyr	ijd.
for a markyng yere ⁵ [Iron] for vessells	ijd.

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for Ryse for y^e dawbes⁶ betwene y^e to chambres ijd.¹ Kettle, *i.e.*, caldron.² Goat-skins for bellows.³ Verdigris.⁴ After the Bishop's benediction. It was a stone slab, portable on horseback.⁵ A brand for wood? or a punch for indenting metal?⁶ The partitions were of hurdlework and plaster, "wattle and dab." Ryse = a pliable branch

PAGE 139. *A.D. m.cccc.lxxviii—ix.* Feb. xviiij.

EDW. CRADOC AND JOHN CROSS, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Thurbarne and Knyght-xix^l. xjs. viij^d. besides xvj rings and the "harneyste gurdle."
seven hirings of the Church house^e at xvj^d.
Total xxij^l. xs. v^d.

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PAGE 141. EXPENSES.

payde for the mendyng the Rele and peyntyng of y^e same iijs. viij^d.
,, for color for y^e same Rele xxij^d.
,, for a dosen cuppys ayenst Whitsontide [ale] viij^d.

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paide for a pax brede vij^d.

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RIC. THURBARNE AND RIC. WORTHNELL, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Cradock and Cros xxij^l. xs. v^d.
for makyng of Seynt Kateryn wex iiij^d.
[Several bequests, and hirings of Church-house.]

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[Many items for scaffolding.]

for spykes¹ for selyng the cherche iij^d. ob.
to Sir Ed.² that lakkes of his wages iiij^s. iij^d.

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RICH. KEW AND JOHN WORTHNILL, WARDENS ELECT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Worthnell and Thurbarne xxvij^l. ijs. ix^d.
a gurdle i solde to John Jagryn xx^d.

¹ Large nails.

² A chantry priest.

for ij Amys, and strengs for same	xs.
I paide att Bristowe for a sewte of vestments and a cope	£xxvj
in costs spende a bowgth the byyng of the same vestments	[no sum].
Item to John Brene for iiij quayres ¹ of the new boke the xiiij day of October	xxvjs. viij <i>d</i> .
I paide to the Bushep ys man for halowyng of the new sute of vestements	vj <i>d</i> .

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I paide for bords for the new cofyr	iijs. v <i>d</i> .
for caryage of the same	iiij <i>d</i> .
for making of the Cofyr	ijs. viij <i>d</i> .
in costs a bowgth the byndyng of the cofyr	iiij <i>d</i> .
I paide to Rowland for bends and naylys for the cofyr	xjs. ij <i>d</i> .
for ij lokes for the cofyr	ijs. viij <i>d</i> .
I paide in costs to lett a rent to be paide to my Lorde ² for the Cherche house	ijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
I paide to T. Clerke for foldyng of the vestments ³	iiij <i>d</i> .

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JO. MARYOTT AND JO. COLYNS, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Brekebeke and Carter	£v xs. iiij <i>d</i> .
of the lyghmen of the West Syde, ⁴ Thomas Waren and J. Seffe	£v iijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
It. for candyll of the rele	ij <i>d</i> .
for brewyng in the Cherche howse vj persons at xvj <i>d</i> . and xij <i>d</i> .	

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MEM. The . . . day of Averyll **A.D. m.cccc.lxxxvi** that John Brekebeke and Lowys Watts hath ypayed for dyverse costs for hawlyung⁵ of the Cherche erde.

In primis, payd to the Byschepe ⁶	xxxiijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
It. payd to the coke	iiij <i>d</i> .
„ for horse mete	xiiij <i>d</i> .
„ for spysys	iiij <i>d</i> .
„ for ij ellys of cloth for My Lord's apryn	xviiij <i>d</i> .
„ for a pygg and capone	xiiij <i>d</i> .
„ for iiij chykyn	v <i>d</i> .
„ for the brekefast of the Lords men	iiij <i>d</i> .

¹ *I.e.*, for writing four quires.

² Bishop, as Lord of the Manor. The fine of 2s. 4*d*. was paid in the Manor court for admission to the tenancy.

³ An annual entry.

⁴ *I.e.*, Claverham.

⁵ Hallowing of the Church-yard.

⁶ *I.e.*, Bp. Stillington's Suffragan, probably Bp. Cornish.

It. paid for vele and lome ¹	xxd.
„ for bred	viijd.
„ for rydyng to Wellys ij tymys	xijd.
„ for rydyng to Bristowe	xijd.
„ for setting of the pypys, and cutting and other attendends	viijd.
„ for fewell	iiijd.
„ for dyverse vessels ybowgth to the balowyng of y ^e Cherchyerd	ijs. viijd.
Total ²	xlvs. vjd.

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EXPENSES.

[viz., of Maryott and Colyns.]

paide for pauper

for the closynge³ betwyxte the chyrche and the chawnsell, and for mete and drynge,

and naylys xxd.

we bowghte ayenste Whyttsonyde vj cuppys and iij bollys, price vd.

for iij bord clothys⁴ to the Church howse iijs. vjd.

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to John a Brene for the boke⁵ yn partte of paymentte xxvjs. viijd.

to carrying the little bell to Bristowe and "whome ayene" xvijd.

for custom⁶ of the bell att Redclyff hyll, utwardys and whomwardys vjd.

to the workmen at the castynge of the bell, off curtesy viijd.

[This seems the equivalent of "rewards" often given above.]

to the scryvener at ij tymys for wrytyng of the new boke xxxijs. iiijd.

for caryage of hauser⁷ of lytyl bell and the pokysy ijd.Item we payde the olde freyr⁸ yat was cum fro maystyr newton to syng for the

paryche viijd.

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to J. Bek to close the chancell ijd.

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WALTER MEEKE AND R. KNYGHT, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Maryot and Colyns £viiij vs. xd.

[from other sources, as usual.]

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EXPENSES.

To the boke-maker xxs.

Payde to Nycholas Ket, Scryvener, on Alhalow day in the presence of Syr Jhon

Newton K[nt.] xls.

¹ Veal and lamb.² See also Anno 1485, £iij vjs. viijd.³ Parclose. N.B.—The Chancel-screen paid for by the Parish, as elsewhere, and not by the Rector.⁴ Table-cloths.⁵ I.e., writing.⁶ The city toll.⁷ Rope.⁸ Friar. Probably the general anniversary of Benefactors.

Payde to the same Nicholas on Seint Thomas Eve before Cristemasse xx*s*.
 „ the Monday the xxiiij day of January then next followyng to the same
 Nicholas¹ xxv*s*. viij*d*.
 „ for a paxe viij*d*.

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payd to the clerke, by the commandment of Master Newton xv*s*. viij*d*.

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℞. D. m.cccc.lxxxiv[v], Feb. xv.

WILL. WEBBE OF CLEVE, AND JOHN COLLMAN OF HEWYSCH, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance of Meke and Knyght £v i*x*s. xj*d*.
 [Nothing unusual.] Total £xix xxii*s*.

[On this page there are several payments² to Ket “in the presence of Sir J. Newton”;
 all crossed out, being charged in previous account.]

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for vij tavernys³ made at the Churche howse i*x*s. iiij*d*.
 [The other public taverns, as usual, produce several pounds.]

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EXPENSES.

Payd to Nicholas Scryvenyr, upon Synt Mathews day xlv*s*. viij*d*.
 to costs to rydy⁴ for the Chals that waste ystole⁵ xij*d*.
 paid to the Scryvener for the legerd xx*s*.
 paid to Nycholas Kette the xxix day of March xlv*s*. viij*d*.
 paid to the Scryvener the xij day of March in the presence of Master Newton iiij Marke.⁶
 Total £xij xi*s*.

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℞. D. m.cccc.lxxxv[vi], Jan. xx.

J. BREKEBEKE AND LEWYS WATTS, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Webbe and Colman £vj i*x*s. xj*d*.
 [As usual.]
 of the bequest of ij chyldryn of T. Hyrbow i*j*s.
 of Annys Browne a gowne to y⁶ reparation of Seynt James Chapell i*j*s. viij*d*.

¹ Total paid to Ket, £11 1*s*. 4*d*.

² One of these reveals that the Scrivener's costly work was not a Service-book, but the Ledger. This book, prepared under the special care of Sir John Newton, must have been more than the Wardens' account-book, probably a Terrier recording the Deeds of Appropriation of the Rectory, the endowment of Vicarage, and establishment of the two manorial chapels and of that in the Churchyard.

³ I.e., private brewings, or entertainments for which the House was hired, at xv*d*. each time.

⁴ Riding.

⁵ Stolen.

⁶ £ij xi*s*. iiij*d*.

[Owing to the probable loss of two leaves, the EXPENSES of this year, 1485-6, are missing, save those for Consecration, written on page 170. The RECEIPTS of 1486-7 are missing. Page 173 begins with the EXPENSES of Will. Stabbe and Thomas Colyns, Wardens of that year.]

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EXPENSES.

Payd for haluyng ¹ the Cherche yerde ²		£iij vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
„ to the bokebyner		. xxvjs. viij <i>d</i> .

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JOHN HYGGIN AND JOHN WATTS, WARDENS.

Balance from Stabbe and Colyns		£x xvs.
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RECEIPTS.—Nothing unusual.

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EXPENSES.—Nothing unusual.

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A.D. m.cccc.lxxxviii[ix]. Feb. x.

JOHN LANG AND WILL^M. FFYSCHER, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Hyggyn and Watts		£xvj iiij <i>d</i> .
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EXPENSES [of Lang and Fyscher.]

For a sommar, bowght of John Oter		vij <i>d</i> .
For ledde for ye helyng of the Chyrche		£v iijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
To the lavender for wesschyng		ijs.

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A.D. m.cccc.lxxxix. Feb. xxij.

ROB. COLYNS AND THOMAS WARREN, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Lang and Fysscher		£xvij iijs. xd.
xxij Ryngs in stock, besides gifts.		
of my Lady [Newton] of bequest of Maister Newton x marks. ³		
Total		£xxxvij xiijs. iiij <i>d</i> .

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EXPENSES.

For Tonne of Lyde ⁴ bowght at Beryngton ⁵		£liij xiijs. viij <i>d</i> .
„ do. do and smaller quantities		
„ ij sakys of mese ⁶		iiij <i>d</i> .

¹ Hallowing.² The Suffragan's stated fee. Cf. *ante* p. 113.³ *I.e.*, £vj xiijs. iiij*d*.⁴ Lead.⁵ Burrington.⁶ Moss, for laying under lead on roof.

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To plommer to wasche ye Axsyn ¹		vs.
for myltyng of ye ledde Axynne		ixs.
for waschyng ye ledde Axsyn		xd.
for takyng off and setting on a cenne [<i>sic</i>] of y ^e vestments		iiij <i>d</i>
Sma.		£xxj vijs. vd.

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NOTE.—A ton of lead and xijs. iiij*d*. [worth] of barryd² planks “remayneth in the sum of ye reseyts above, of Rob. Colens and Tho. Warryn.”

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[Torn ; very scant.]

A.D. m.cccc.lxxxx [xci]. Feb. viij.

THOS. DALE AND RIC. DYSMAN, WARDENS.

Balance from Colens and Waryn £xvj vs. ij*d*.

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RECEIPTS.—Nothing unusual.

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EXPENSES.

For a dosyn of dhysters ³		iiij <i>d</i> .
Payd for a copyll of cruetts, selver		xxxs.
for v score row ⁴ wex, vjs. and vij <i>d</i> . for a powne		£iij xxij <i>d</i> .

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[Seven Receipts ; no date or Warden's name.]

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EXPENSES.

For ij wey of cole carried by water from Ronam (Rownham-on-Avon) to Kingston, thence by land.		
for making of the sepulcure, and the cafe ⁵		iiij <i>d</i> .
for ridding and mending the Kyll ⁶		vj <i>d</i> .
for CC yere ⁷		xs.

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for making of the pax		xs.
payd for Sint Sunday ⁸ [prob. for an Image]		xijs. ix <i>d</i> .

¹ Ashes, which seem always to have been worth washing and remelting.

² Bared = smoothed.

³ Dusters.

⁴ Rough.

⁵ Cave.

⁶ Kiln ; much lime being burnt.

⁷ I.e., 2 cwt. of iron.

A Saint venerated in Cutcombe and other parishes of West Somerset.

The real name is “sub-judice.”

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A.D. m.cccc.lxxxix [ii].

J. CRADOKE AND W. HILMAN, WARDENS.¹

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Dale and Dygheman	£xix ixs. iij <i>d</i> .
Item. the seid parties puttethe in knowleche to ye seid proctors, that folowyth, suche goodes as hereafter ys rehersed of the bequest of Julian Craddock.	
In primis the apparell for the high Auter, viz., the ffront with the ij curteyns. ²	
a chalys	prt. viij marke.
a peyre of vestments	prt. iij marke.
It. for a keverled, ³ of the bequest of W. Medwynter	ijs.
from Sir William for the Chamber	vij <i>d</i> .
and for taverns of Ale	

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EXPENSES.

for chesyng ⁴ of the stonys to the masyer ⁵	vj <i>d</i> .
for dykyng of the fundament	xvij <i>d</i> .
for xxvij weynys to cary home stonys and cole, in mete and drink	vjs. vij <i>d</i> .

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for xiiij lode of frestonys	xxvs. vij <i>d</i> .
[besides many other loads.]	
for dykyng of stonys [? stacking them]	xx <i>d</i> .
for poynting of spyre, of iij pynnaclys, and batylment of the tower	vjs. vij <i>d</i> .
for the crane setting uppe	ijs. vij <i>d</i> .

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paid to J. Bekke for steyyng ⁶ of the Chansell	iij <i>d</i> .
[Much freestone brought from Dundry.]	

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To cary owte the erthe owte of the cherche	vij <i>d</i> .
for makyng of the Syntorne ⁷	ix <i>d</i> . ob.
[Large building was going on, but no evidence, <i>where</i> . Unhappily, the account for 1492-3 is missing.]	

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A.D. m.cccc.lxxxix [iv]. Feb. xx.

RICH. THURBAN AND JOHN HERVOW, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Colman and Roper, £xv vij <i>d</i> . ob., "of laful money of Engeland."
For Pothynger and "sawser," and vj <i>d</i> .—bequest.

¹ The old Latin heading is now exchanged for English, taking the form of a Receipt of out-going Wardens' balance in cash, "in lawfull money of Engelande."

² All crossed out.

³ Coverlet.

⁴ Choosing.

⁵ Mason.

⁶ Supporting.

⁷ Centering.

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EXPENSES.

payd for halfe C yere ¹ and ij powne	ijs. jd.
„ for tymmer ² to make ye yate ³	xxs.
payd for a nowle ⁴	ijd.

Much freestone hauled.

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paid for xij seme of Walsche ⁵ bords	viijs.
payd to caram ⁶ to ⁷ the water	iiijd.
payd to J. Lewys for the frette ⁸	xijd.
for ij Tonne Ledde	£viiij xijd.

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payd for half a C wex	xxxijs. viijd.
[The making of the wax, rosin, and wick-yarn, are yearly entries, costing viij or ix shillings, besides meat and drink.]	
payd to the clerke to voupp ⁹ the vestments	viiijd.
payd for iij boschells of axyn ¹⁰	viiijd.
[More freestone hauled and sorted by Fysscher, the skilled Mason; more moss, and Scaffold timber :—]	
Total Exp.	£xviiij vijd.

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[Inventory of utensils :—]

This be perselles¹¹ that longyth¹² to the Cherche howse, the yere A.D. m.cccc.lxxxxii. delyveryd to the Wardens¹³ that yere.

In primis a chetyll	It. kyve vate. ¹⁶
It. ij grett crocks.	„ ij trowys. ¹⁷
„ ij lysse ¹⁴ crocks.	„ ix stonds. ¹⁸
„ iij pannys.	„ ix barellys.
„ a botum for a panne.	„ xxj trendyllys. ¹⁹
„ a brandyre ¹⁵ .	„ vj borde clothis.
„ v tun vats.	

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EXPENSES. [Only the last few items :—the rest missing.]

S ^a Tot ^s	£xix vijs. ix d.
Balance	£viiij vs.

¹ Half a cwt. of iron.

² Timber.

³ Gate.

⁴ An awl.

⁵ Welsh, *i.e.*, foreign. Wainscot landed at the head of the tideway in the Yeo, and fetched from thence.

⁶ Carry them.

⁷ At.

⁸ Freight.

⁹ Fold up.

¹⁰ Ashes.

¹¹ Parcels.

¹² Belongeth.

¹³ *I.e.*, the incoming Wardens.

¹⁴ Lesser.

¹⁵ Brand-iron for carrying the burning logs on the hearth, alias = andirons.

¹⁶ See *ante* p. 36, note 3.

¹⁷ Troughs, pronounced “trows,” hodie.

¹⁸ Stands : called “standards,” p. 210.

¹⁹ Shallow tubs or vats.

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A.D. m.cccc.lxxxxiii[v], March v.

RICH. WAMPERFYLDE AND JOHN SEFFE, WARDENS.

Balance from Thurban and Hervow.	£viijs vs.
RECEIPTS. Nothing unusual	Total £xxiiij xvs.
EXPENSES [missing, all but the Total, viz.]	£xj ix.
Balance torn away.—	

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[Wamperfylde & Seffe served again as appears among their receipts, of which only 4 remain, viz., a Pecas¹ and three Ales, and the Tot. . . . £xx vs. ijd.]

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EXPENSES.

payd for a manuell ²	xxiijs. iiijd.
„ for papyr and russchys. ³	
„ for frongkynsens ⁴	jd.
„ for setting uppe of yren gere before our Lady	ixd.

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payd for bords to syle ⁵ the chapyll	xxjs. viijd.
„ for takyng downe ye crane	xijd.
„ for a pyggsfote to bare cols	jd.
„ for the closyng of the charnsell, to J. Austeyns.	iijs. iiijd.
„ for makyng of a nawter, ⁶ to Thomas Cotyng	vjs. viijd.
„ for a stone to hele ⁷ the auter	ijs.
Total Expenses	£viijs xiijs. ix.
Remaynyng clyr to ye Chyrche	£xj xjs. iiijd.

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A.D. m.cccc.lxxxxvi[vii], March xiv.

LADY NEWTON AND JOHN BULBEKE, WARDENS.

Mem. that my Lady, Dame Isabell Newton and John Bulbeke hath reseeyvid of R.

Wampfyld and J. Seffe £xj vs. iiijd.

Item. ix ryngs of sylver.

and the goods in y^e Chyrche house. [List nearly the same as in p. 204.]

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Received of Saundyr Harrys for Seynt Kateryn light iijs. vjd.

¹ Pick-axe.² Manual.³ Rushes.⁴ Frankincense.⁵ Ceil.⁶ An altar.⁷ Cover.

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EXPENSES.

Paid for xiiij yerdis of Iryshe clothe	xviiij <i>d</i>
„ for herys for ij auters	xvj <i>d</i>
„ for ensens ¹	ij <i>d</i>

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Paid for changyng of ij peyre of cruetts	xij <i>d</i>
„ for the hangyngs of the hye auter, the utter ² syde and the lynnyng	xvs.
„ for vj ells and a halfe of lynnyn for a surplesse	iij <i>s</i> . iij <i>d</i>
„ for ij unces of selke, to frenge y ^e hangyng of y ^e auter	ijs. viij <i>d</i>

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Paid for the changyng of iij torchys agenst Crystymasse	ix <i>s</i> .
Total	£vij x <i>s</i> . v <i>d</i> .

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A.D. m.cccc.lxxxvii. Feb. vj.

JOHN THOMAS AND WILL. ROGERS, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Dame Newton and Bulbeke	£xxj xii <i>s</i> . iij <i>d</i>
For led aschys ³	x <i>s</i> .
Of y ^e parson of Kyngston for led	ijs. viij <i>d</i>
of Master Vycary ⁴ for a pane [pan]	vijs.

[Note in later hand.] Dame Isabell Newton dyed in the year 1458, which is 165 yeares agon to this present yeare 1663.—Nicholas Prater.

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EXPENSES.

Paid for a proschensnall ⁵	ix <i>s</i> . iij <i>d</i>
„ for new settinge of Oure Lady and the ly3ght	iij <i>d</i>
„ to Antony for dressyng of the yron, and a copys that beryth the ly3ght	iij <i>d</i>
„ to Thos. Bene for a here to the hye auter	xx <i>d</i>
„ to Antony Smyth for makyng ij leggs to y ^e chetyll	ijs.

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Paid for mendyng of the hye booke ⁶	viij <i>s</i> .
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Paid for castyng vij tonne of led	xlvijs. viij <i>d</i>
„ for tonne and halfe of new led	£vj x <i>s</i> .
„ for makyng cofyr box and chyrch-hey yate key	xij <i>d</i>

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Paid for ij yrense ⁷ to hong y ^e curtense	iij <i>d</i>
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¹ Incense.

² Outer.

³ Ashes.

⁴ The Vicar.

⁵ Processional book.

⁶ The High Wardens Account book, *see inf.*, 1502.

⁷ Irons.

PAGE 223. **A.D. m.cccc.lxxxviii[ix],** March i.

WM. WORNELL AND WM. BRADMERE, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Rogers and Thomas	£xix ixs. vd.
For tyle of Seynt James Chappell	xxs.
Total	£xxvij xiijs. vijd.

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EXPENSES. Nothing unusual.

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Paid for mending y ^e Rode-loft, and setting of y ^e crest of y ^e hye awter	iiijd.
„ for strekyng of the chyrch wythin and wythout	ijs. iiijd.
„ to John Hyks for rent of the Chyrch Howse	iiijd.
„ to R. Clerke for makyng of owre booke	xijd.

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Paid for halowyng of the chalyce	xijd.
„ for iij men and iij horse to brynge y ^e said chalyce to Wells	xd.
„ in costs for sekynge of the chyrch goods ¹	vijs. viijd.
„ to John Payne and Thomas Wale for rydyng to Oxford ²	xxs.
„ for rydyng to Wells, for horse mete and man ys mete for W. Bradmere and y ^e Smyth	iijs.
„ to Bowre of Banwell for beryng of y ^e bill [Indictment] to Yelchester to y ^e schesscheons ³	iijs. iiijd.
Total	£viiij ixs. xijd.

PAGE 228. **A.D. m.cccc.lxxxix[md],** Feb. xvij.

W. KNYGHT AND J. TOKER, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Wornell and Bradmere	£x xjs. iiijd.
Among the bequests 'a mete clothe,' ⁴ and a ryng.	
It receyved of y ^e gaderyng of y ^e chalyce above y ^e sum	xiiijd.

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Five Taverns of ale.

It. reseyved of R. Thurban for brewyng in y ^e chorch chetyll ⁵	iiijd
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¹ Stolen by Davy Gybbes, see 1500.

² In search for the lost goods?

³ Sessions.

⁴ Table-cloth.

⁵ Kettle = caldron.

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EXPENSES.

Costs of suit against D. Gibbes.	{ The sute of Davy Gybbys y ^e fyrst day	iijs. viij <i>d</i> .
	{ It. the seyd D. Gybbys to y ^e sute of y ^e preve sesscheone ¹ to y ^e towne clerke	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
	{ It. to hys ij servants	. viij <i>d</i> .
	{ It. the Meyre ys sergeants	ijs. viij <i>d</i> .
	{ It. in expenses and askyng of cownsell	iijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
	{ It. for y ^e wrytyng of y ^e oblygacyon and y ^e endentyng ²	. vj <i>d</i> .
	{ It. the costs for owre cherche gode at Bristowe	. xvj <i>d</i> .
	{ It. payd to Master Rodney for y ^e endyment ³ of D. Gybbys	. v <i>d</i> .
	{ It. payd to Richard Clyfe when he rode y ^e cherche goode	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
	It. payd for y ^e halowyng of y ^e chalys.	. viij <i>d</i> .
	It. payd to W. Goffe for kepyng of y ^e bells	. iijs.

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*It. for y ^e beryng of a letter to Master Malet	. xij <i>d</i> .
* „ for y ^e costs of scesscyonys yn Bristow aboute D. Gybbys	iijs. xj <i>d</i> .
„ for new Crosse	£xviiij
„ for a sencer of koper ⁴	iijs. viij <i>d</i> .
* „ delyveryd to T. Wale to bere a letter to Master Fy ^z ames ⁵	iijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
„ payd for y ^e change of v score and xix lb. of torche wax	vijs. vj <i>d</i> .
* „ payd for y ^e makyng of y ^e testimonyall to y ^e notore ⁶ for Davy Gybbys	. xij <i>d</i> .
* „ for costs att y ^e same busyness	. vj <i>d</i> .

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*It. for facyng of Davie Gybbys fro Bristow to Yatton	xxjs. xd.
*It. for y ^e bryngyng fro Yatton to Wells	. ix <i>s</i> . v <i>d</i> .
* „ payd to y ^e jugys ⁷ att Wells for to make owre panell	. xx <i>s</i> .
* „ in costs yn mete and drynk, for horse mete, and manys mete	vijs. viij <i>d</i> .

MEM. Remaynys in ye hande of Jo. Holden *x*s**. ffor y^e tymburs off Sentt Jamys
Chapel, ye qwych ys uncountyd ffor off Wm. Knyght's deys.

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W. AVEREY AND RICH. CREED, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Knyght and Tucker	£vj ijs. ix <i>d</i> .
[Nothing unusual.]	
Total	£xvij xiijs. viij <i>d</i> .

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¹ Privy Sessions.

² Indenting.

³ Indictment.

⁴ Censer of copper.

⁵ Fitz-james.

⁶ *I.e.*, a notarial Act, recording the proceedings against D. G.

* All relate to this costly suit, in which it would seem 3 Lawyers, viz. : Rodney, Fitz-james, afterwards Chief Justice, and Malet were engaged. See also * in 1501.

⁷ *In re* D. Gybbys.

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EXPENSES.

A new "Cofyr," with ij locks made
 *to Averei for rydyng to Sesscheons vs. vjd.

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*for y^e sute of Davie Gybbys vijs. vjd.
 to John Haryce for mendyng of y^e Lent clothe iiijd.
 to Antony¹ for schothyng² the clapyr³ xiijd.
 to T. Dale for leder⁴ and thongs to make y^e bawdrys xd.

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payd for⁵ helyng of y^e maskoke⁶ xvjd.

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A.D. m.cccccc.⁷ February iv.

R. WYLLYNG AND J. KEW, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Averei and Creed £xij xixs. iiijd.
 It. of Wyllyam Hylman, and of Syn Catyrne⁸ men for wex iijs.
 Sum^a Receptionis,⁹ pretii £iiij xvijjs.

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EXPENSES.

Payd to John Walle for Syn James Chapell xiijs. iiijd.
 It. more to y^e seyde propters¹⁰ with Nycholas Smalen ys mony xxss.
 It. more to y^e seyde propters xxss.
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 It. payd for iiij lib. of wax xls.
 „ payd for makyng of ij surpleyce to y^e bokbynder iijs.
 „ payd to y^e seyde bokbynder for makyng of a nobe¹¹ vjd.
 „ payd for a bag to bere y^e keys in of y^e chyrch jd.

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It. payd to Synt Jamys propters, to Thomas Dale and John Brokbek in y^e name of
 ye parysch £v vjs. viijd.
 It. delyvered to seyde Jamys propters xxxiijss. iiijd.
 It. delyvered to y^e seyde propters xs.
 It. payd to y^e glasyer xs.

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It. payd to Syr John for mendyng of y^e calyas [Chalice] iiijd.
 It. payd to Sent Jamys procterys £iiij vjs. viijd.
 It. remanet ecclesie ex claro £vj ixss. xjd.

¹ The smith.

² *I.e.*, casting.

³ Clapper.

⁴ Leather.

⁵ "Makyng," struck out?

⁶ Mis-spelt for "mass boke."

⁷ This ought to be MCCCCI, for 1501-2.

⁸ S. Katharine.

⁹ *I.e.*, including stock.

¹⁰ *I.e.*, proctors [wardens] of the Chapel.

¹¹ An alb.

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RICH. PYKE AND RICH. ALYN, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Wyllyng and Kew £vj ix. xjd.
[Nothing unusual.]

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EXPENSES.

Payd to Thomas and John Brekkebe, propters of Seynt Jamys Chapell xx. s.

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It. delyvered to Seynt Jamys propters vijs. viijd.
,, paid to Hew Smith for makyng of ij copy[s] to y^e baner, loggs,¹ and a hoke, and
setting ijd.
,, delyveryd to Thomas Dale xvs.
It. ,, to y^e seyde Thomas xvjs. iiijd.
It. payd for a sakerynn bell xd.
,, for y^e caryng of the krok² vjd.
,, delyveryd to Seynt Jamys propters to pay Water Krossman³ £iij
,, delyveryd to John Cradok and John Brekkebe, Seynt Jamys propters iijs. iiijd.

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[Two memoranda of Wympeny's debt of a noble.]

payd for iij new herys to iij awters iijs.
payd for hawssyng⁴ down of y^e bell vjd.
,, for rydyng⁵ of gotters of y^e chyrch and y^e gargells⁶ viijd.

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a key is made for y^e fyce door ijd.

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A.D. m.cccccc.ii[ííí], Feb. xvj.

T. THURBAN AND R. WALE, WARDENS.

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Balance from Pyke and Alen liijs. vd.

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of y^e gaderyng of y^e bell money xxvijs. xjd.
of y^e bequest of Syr Thomas, a crosbow, pretio vjs.
Total £xviij ijs. vjd.

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For men and horse and oxsyn,⁷ and for makyng of more wrytyng [a contract] at
Brystow to y^e castyng of y^e bell xijs. iiijd.
also for bringing it home and hanging

¹ "Lugs," strings to keep the banner straight.

² Carrying of the Cross.

³ Qy. the Maker of the Cross.

⁴ Hoisting.

⁵ Clearing.

⁶ Gargoyles, or gurgoyles.

⁷ Oxen.

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mending y^e West Window, costs xxijs. ijd.
[Coal hauled to the kiln, and much lime burnt.]

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Payd to J. Horte for v daies labor for pargyng of y^e Chyrch xx*d*.
,, to Thos. Porker for kepyng¹ of y^e lyme kyl for iiij wekes, bed and bord, and
waggs xs. viij*d*.
,, delyveryd to J. Brekkebeke to pay y^e carpynter for Seynt Jamys Chapell vs.
payd for blessing of y^e vestment ix*d*.
payd in mete and drynk for bryngyng of Seynt Kateryne [s Image] vd.
payd for half a bochell of salt to y^e pargyng of y^e Chapell "within and without"² iiij*d*.
payd for pargyng of y^e chapell within and without vjs. viij*d*.
delyveryd to J. Brekkebeke to pay y^e carpynter for Seynt Jamys Chapell vs.
payd for ij new pax vjd.
payd for ij new tokyng³ gyrdylls ijd.
payd for y^e mending of y^e pynowne⁴ wall of Seynt Jamys Chapell xiiij*d*.
payd to y^e plommer for leyng of y^e leds to y^e seyde chapell iijs.
in costs in mete and drynk for y^e halyng ope⁵ of y^e seyde led, and for y^e leyyng xij*d*.

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payd to y^e Mason for y^e making of Seynt Kateryne Awter vjs.
payd for y^e making of y^e pynon of Synt Jamys Chapell, for y^e rowzht⁶ werke xij*d*.
payd for y^e awter stone of Seynt Kateryne viij*d*.
payd for y^e caryng of Seynt Jamys tabyll⁷ stonys xij*d*.
payd in mete and drynk for iiij men Friday and Saterdag for to ley y^e seyde tabyll xx*d*.
[Several more small items of expenditure on St. James' Chapel.]

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payd to y^e glasyer for mending of ij wyndowys to y^e hye⁸ book iiij*d*.
It. payd for y^e angell⁹ that Seynt Kateryn stonds on viij*d*.
payd for a box to put y^e oblygacion in jd.
Total £ix xvjd.

¹ Watching the fires.

² It appears here and elsewhere that there was a large use of plaster and limewash [strekyng] on the outside as well as inside of the chapel, and of the church.

³ Tucking.

⁴ The gable end is still called the "pwining," *i.e.*, pointing end.

⁵ Hauling up.

⁶ Wrought.

⁷ The parapet, or its cornice and coping. "Table" is much used by masons; *e.g.*, corbel-table, water-table.

⁸ The high-book probably means this account now presented by the high wardens, so called in contrast to inferior wardens, such as those of St. James' Chapel.

⁹ *I.e.*, carved corbel.

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℞. D. m.ccccc.iii[īīī], March iv.

J. GORMAN AND J. CANYNGTON, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Thurban and Wale xls. vjd.
 [Among the usual bequests are a few to St. James' Chapel from vs. to iijjs.]
 Total £vj xjs. iiijd.

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payd for ij clothys for y^e chalyce ijd.
 „ for rydyng¹ of y^e chapell.
 „ for y^e glasyng of ij wyndows in Seynt Jamys Chapell xxs.
 The second bell was recast this year, and the year before.
 The casting costs “y^e halfe summe”² xxvs. iiijd.

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payd for six skore pownds of wax for take such money as we toke in owre [?Ale] [*i.e.*,
 the wax sold for whatever the Ale might yield.] £iij.

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For mendyng y^e ij doors in S. Jamys Chapell vjs.
 For hewyng of y^e dornenys³ of y^e seyde dor, and for a spade tre setting iiijd
 For sytyng⁴ of Emot Thurban and Rych. Wamperfyld to y^e Conystre⁵ for Claram
 Crosse ijd.

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℞. D. m.ccccc.iii[v], xixth of Fefrell.

JOHN OTOR AND RICH. MEY, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Gorman and Canyngton £v. xvijs. ijd.
 [Nothing unusual.] Total £xvij xvijs.

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Total £iiij viijs. ob.

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℞. D. m.ccccc.v[vi], March xij for 1504-5.

JOHN CRADOK, AND NICHOLAS SMALCOM, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Otor and Mey £xiiij vd.
 of y^e bequest of John Edwards ij bushells of barly and for that⁶ I toke ij clepyd⁷ grotys
 on y^e pryce of vijd.

¹ Clearing out, after completion.

² The other half in 1504-5.

³ Durns, or side-posts.

⁴ Citing.

⁵ Consistory.

⁶ *I.e.*, for the barley.

⁷ Clipped.

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Payd to Wylliam Krosse of old duty ¹ of Seynt Jamys Chapell	xs.
Payd to y ^e seyde Wylliam Krosse for making of y ^e quere ² and peynting of y ^e selyng ³ of Seynt Jamys Chapell	xxiijs. jd.
Payd for tymber to make y ^e quere in Seynt Jamys Chapell	iijs. iiijd.
Payd for mendyng y ^e organs	xls.
Payd at Gangarysbery ⁴ to the schot ⁵ on Wytwysday ⁶	vijjd.
Payd for festyvale ⁷	xijd.

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A.D. m.ccccc.vi[vii], March xv.

W. WYLLYNG AND W. HORT, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Cradok and Smalcom	£xv vs. vd.
[Nothing unusual.] Total	£xxiiij vijs. vijd.

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For botomyng of y ^e clensyng renege [sieve]	iiijd.
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Payd ⁸ in metall of y ^e Church stufe ⁹ to y ^e bell of Seynt Jamys Chapell to y ^e valor of weyȝht of xxxvij li.	
Payd y ^e overplus in money for y ^e seyde bell and for stokkyng and hangyng	ixs.
In costs in mete and drynke for schrydyng ¹⁰ of wood to oure Ale	ijd.
Payd for a lok to y ^e font	iiijd.
Total	£vj viijs. iiijd.

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A.D. m.ccccc.vii[viii], March vj.

J. MASKALL AND J. HYLMAN, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Wylling and Hort	£xiiij
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¹ Debt.² Choir, *i.e.*, the east end of the chapel with its choir-like attributes of Altar, piscina, image, canopied ceiling, and perhaps reredos.³ Probably the carved and painted ceiling over the altar.⁴ Congresbury.⁵ Collection at a Scot-Ale.⁶ Tuesday in Whitsun-week.⁷ Paid scot at a neighbouring ale.⁸ *I.e.*, contributed.⁹ Material in stock.¹⁰ Shrouding, *i.e.*, lopping the heads of pollards.

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EXPENSES.

Payd for a here to y^e hie awter xxij*d*.
 Kreyskloth¹ and holland bought for bord clothes and surplices and rydyng to Wells to
 by y^e seid clothe vijs. x*d*.
 Payd to y^e monke for caryng of y^e awter cloth to Wells for to be blessyd v*d*.
 for makyng of a newe ye to y^e iiij Bell-clapper, and for schotyng² of y^e schank iijs. iiij*d*.
 [The stock of trenchers, cups, and bowls, &c., for the Church-house is frequently
 replenished.]

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Payd for a Masboke and a pye³ xjs. v*d*.
 Payd for mendyng y^e red vestment, and y^e blak cope, and for dyeng of y^e old red
 vestment xls.
 Payd to Dan. Wylliam, mownke⁴ to his wages⁵ w*j*d. vs.
 „ to J. Avery of Kyngeston for scheryng strays⁶ of y^e church hefer iiij*d*.

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Payd for a new offray.⁷
 Balance £xxij xjs. x*d*.

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ℳ. D. m.ccccc.viii[ix]. Fefrell xix.

J. HARRYCE AND T. HORYN, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Hyllman and Maskall £xxij xjs. x*d*.
 Many bequests:—nothing unusual. Total £xxxv xviijs. ob.

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EXPENSES.

Payd for makyng and setting of vij mynell⁸ to y^e sowth wyndow, and a west
 wyndow xviijs. v*d*.
 [Freestone is bought for the window, and over iv Tons of Lead.]

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Payd for pavyng of Harye Organs pytt⁹ iiij*d*.
 „ for a cofyr for y^e torchys
 „ for a thrawll [the drawing gear] of yren to y^e well iijs.

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Payd for y^e tylyng of y^e parsonage¹⁰ ij*d*.

¹ “Crass” cloth, a coarse kind of towelling used for surplices.

² Casting. ³ Ritual directory. ⁴ Monk.

⁵ *I.e.*, for celebrating on some set days. In 1510 we find Sir Richard Yorke engaged as Chapel-priest at fixed wages, xxvijs. iiij*d*. the quarter.

⁶ The “strays” were probably fines incurred by a heifer impounded by Avery as hayward of Kingston.
 “Scheryng” may perhaps = sharing.

⁷ Orphrey. ⁸ Mullions. ⁹ The organist’s grave.

¹⁰ The rectorial house belonging to the prebendal Rector. How were the Wardens concerned?

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Paid for xiiij yerds of lynyn to make y ^e Lent clothe	iijs. viij <i>d</i> .
It. for staynyng of y ^e seyde Lent clothe	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
It. payd for ix yerds of bokeram for y ^e Rod ¹ clothe	ijs.
It. for steynyng of y ^e seyde clothe	xiijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
It. for x yerds of webb to fastyn y ^e rynggs of y ^e clothys	vd.
Paid to y ^e Mason for makyng of y ^e mynells to y ^e wyndow	xs.

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It. to varmyng ² of y ^e churche well	vjd.
Total Expenses	£xx xvjs. vjd.
Balance	£xv xviiij <i>d</i> .

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A.D. m.ccccc.ix[x], March xxiv.

J. AVERY AND W. HEYMAN, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Harryce and Horyn	£xv xviiij <i>d</i> .
[All as usual, comprising the annual receipt for the Easter taper, vjs. :—also bequests, articles sold, a few sums of money, taverns of Ale, and rents for brewing in the Church-house. The following entry is new] :—	
Receyvd of Saynt Jamys Ale	iiij Mark iijs. ³
[The other similar receipts this year are from the Ale at Whitsuntide, and from the light-men of Yatton.]	

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Paid to Syr Rychard Yorke, ⁴ Chapell priest for y ^e fyrst quarter wages	xxvijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Paid for treyn ⁵ platters and bollys ⁶	vjd.
Paid to S. Hoper for mendyng y ^e Church vessell[s]	xvj <i>d</i> .
„ to W. Hort, Mason, for poyntyng of y ^e spyre, and makyng of y ^e tower to y ^e chapell	ls.

[Stones and lime, sand and sawyng dust are bought for the work.]

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payd for a lyne and a swystyng gyrdyll	iiij <i>d</i> .
payd for a bagg of leder ⁷ to kepe y ^e fyce door keyes	iiij <i>d</i> .
payd to y ^e hoper for hopyng of y ^e kyve	j <i>d</i> .
payd for ij tokyng ⁸ gyrdylls	j <i>d</i> .
payd for ij new apryns	vjd.
„ for wesyng ⁹ of y ^e tabernacyll	xjd.

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Paid for mendyng y ^e tynnell pott	j <i>d</i> .
Total	£xvij ix <i>s</i> .
Balance	£vij ix <i>s</i> .

¹ Rood.

² Forming.

³ £ij xvijs. vjd.

⁴ R. Y. was instituted Rector of Backwell in February this year.

⁵ Wooden.

⁶ Bowls.

⁷ Leather.

⁸ Tucking.

⁹ Washing.

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DETTERRS TO Y^e CHURCH OF YATTON . . . xxvijs. xjd.

Eight names with sums of money against each from viijs. iiij^d. to iijs., and of two more who owe xxiijs. iiij^d.

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Thys detts folowyng of y^e Church-money to John Haryes and Thomas Horyn [Wardens, 1508-9]. The List partly the same as last.

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Thys detts byhynd of Chyrch-money to J. Cradock and Nicholas Smalcom, Wardens, for ye year, A.D., m.ccccc.b, with dates at whych they are to be payd. Nine men owe xxxvijs.

[The list is crossed out as if the debts had been paid.]

A similar list of "detts byhynd" due to W. Wylyng and W. Hort, who were Wardens for the year, A.D. m.ccccc.vi.

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[Loose and dateless.]

[List of 16 bequests, to Church and chapel; the rest of the leaf scribbled over.]

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A.D. m.ccccc.x-xi. March xxviij.

JOHN WARE AND JOHN TORE, WARDENS "NEWE CHOSYN."

RECEIPTS.

Balance paid in parte from Avery and Heyman	£viiij
Total	£xxj xiijs.

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EXPENSES.

For y ^e canybe ¹	iiijs.
With the parysh at Ken	vij ^d .
To Syr Rich Yorke	xxiijs. iiij ^d .
Total	£xliij xiijs. iiij ^d .
So restyth yn y ^e wolde Wardens, J. Tore and J. Ware	xxxvijs. viij ^d .

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A.D. m.ccccc.xi [xi], Febr. x.

JAMES COLEMAN AND R. SESSE, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Tore and Ware	£xliij xiijs. iiij ^d .
Of John Gurman for y ^e Church harnes ²	xxijs.
Wolde ³ detts	xxvijs. vij ^d .

Total £xxv vs.

¹ Canopy.

² Gear.

³ Old.

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Paide for mendyng the best tenekles ¹	iiij <i>d</i> .
„ for a puone ² stryng	j <i>d</i> .

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Paide at Ken ³ with y ^e Parysche	viiij <i>d</i> .
„ to mend y ^e steyre in y ^e Church howse	vj <i>d</i> .
„ for ij processeners	ijs. ij <i>d</i> .
„ for mendyng of y ^e hye Crosse	xij <i>d</i> .
„ to John Wakelyn for peyntyng and gyldyng of y ^e church	£xij xvjs. viij <i>d</i> .
„ to R. Wyllyng y ^e refe ⁴ for church howse	iijs.

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Paide for floryssyng wax	xij <i>d</i> .
„ for colaryng ⁵ of ij surplesse	xiiij <i>d</i> .
„ for cloth to y ^e same surplesse	ij <i>d</i> .

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A.D. m.ccccc.xii [xiii] Febr. xiv.

T. AVEREY AND W. MEY, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Sesse and Coleman	£vij xiijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
A pynnaculle of y ^e best crosse. ⁶	
Receyvdy of y ^e rele [still a usual entry]	j <i>d</i> .

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of J. Bek for his taverne of Ale at Hoc-day ⁷	xxxvjs. viij <i>d</i> .
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Total £xviiij xvs.

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Payd for gyldyng to John Wakelyn	xxvjs. viij <i>d</i> .
It. to y ^e same for gyldyng	xxvjs. viij <i>d</i> .
It. to y ^e same J. Wakelyn	xxs. and vjs. viij <i>d</i> .

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Payd for x yardys of cloth and a halfe to make tabul clothys to y ^e church house	iijs. xj <i>d</i> .
„ for ij flowrs ⁸ to y ^e Rode lofte	iiij <i>d</i> .
„ to N. Smalcum for ij flaks ⁹ to y ^e church	ij <i>d</i> .
„ for cloth to y ^e hye beme, xxx ellis, y ^e price viij <i>d</i> . a nelle	xxxs.
„ for wyrs to y ^e hye beme	xvj <i>d</i> .

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Payd more expenses in making y^e said cloth, and rings for it.

„ for schewyng of John Tors howse to John Penny	iiij <i>d</i> .
„ at Combyrsbere ¹⁰ with y ^e parysch	vj <i>d</i> .

¹ Tunicles.

² Pound of string.

³ At the Church-Ale given there.

⁴ Reeve, or Bailiff of the manor.

⁵ Collaring.

⁶ Henceforth handed on as an heir-loom, until sold in 1549.

⁷ First mention of Hock-day.

⁸ Floors.

⁹ Hurdles.

¹⁰ Congresbury Ale.

Payd to J. Wakelyn for gyldyng xxxs.
 „ to y^e seyde John for y^e dext¹ cloth ijs.
 „ to y^e constabul² and y^e tethyng³ man for y^e parysch xvjs. iiij*℥*.

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Payd yn expences for hevyn⁴ up y^e cloth afore y^e rod lofte iiij*℥*
 „ for y^e canebe vs. x*℥*.
 „ for Wassyng y^e hye auter ijs. viij*℥*.
 „ to J. Wakelyn for gyldyng vjs. viij*℥*.
 „ to W. Hathewey for yre⁵ to y^e hye beme vs.
 „ for mending y^e best sewe⁶ xx*℥*.

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Payd in expenses when we made y^e hye lygth xx*℥*.
 Total £xiiij xvs.

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MATHEW TORE AND T. PASCALLE, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Averei and Mey, xliijs. in part of £iiij vij*℥*.

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Receyvvd a pynnaculle of y^e best crosse.

Total £xiiij iijs.

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Payd for y^e doying of y^e durre⁷ iiij*℥*.
 „ for gyldyng to J. Wakelyn xlvjs. viij*℥*.
 „ for tockyng gyrdylls j*℥*.
 „ to y^e constabulle and y^e tethyngman, for y^e parysch xjs. viij*℥*.

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Payd to W. Hort for makyng a nette and for tenys [tins], and a lyne to y^e chaunsell. iiij*℥*.
 Summa £ix ijs.

„ for trene⁸ platters.

„ for crest cloth to make aprons to the church house viij*℥*.

¹ Desk.

² The first draft on the Church funds made by any Civil officers. It was the forerunner of a great change.
 See charge repeated 1514.

³ Tithing.

⁴ Heaving.

⁵ The iron and wire gear now attached to the high beam, probably that of the Nave-roof, would seem to be for the double purpose of hanging a lamp so as to cast light upon the rood, and also for veiling the rood in Lent.

⁶ Suit.

⁷ Door.

⁸ Wooden.

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A.D. m.ccccc.xiiii[v], Feb. xvij.

J. BENE AND W. HYCKS, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Tore and Pascall £v xxij*d*.
 Sums of money, bequests, &c., as usual.
 Total £vj ix*s*.

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For a schote to y^e Welle v*j**d*.
 For a schote to y^e wenche¹ iiij*d*.
 Payd to R. Kew for iij days warke to mend y^e segesse² yn y^e chyrch xij*d*.
 „ to J. Avery for blake londe³ xs.
 „ to J. Wakelyn for glasyng ixxx*s*.⁴

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Payd to J. Wakelyn xs.
 It. to y^e seyde John Wakelyn v*j**s*. viij*d*.
 „ to iij dayes warke to J. Wakelyn for plummyng i*j**s*.
 „ to y^e seyde John for halfe days warke iiij*d*.

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It. to John Wakelyn for gyldyng Seynt Thomas and y^e rele xs.
 [Some smaller sums to J. W.]

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It to Nicholas Smalcum for carying home y^e rele and Seynt Thomas x*d*.
 „ to John Harrys to fylle y^e rele⁵ v*j**d*.

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WYLLIAM MERVOT AND THOMAS WARR, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Bene and Hycks £vj ix*s*. v*j**d*.
 [Nothing unusual.]
 Total £xv xv*j**s*. v*j**d*.

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receyvyd an auter clothe of Rychard Webbe.
 „ for Water Knyth lying yn y^e Church⁶ v*j**s*. viij*d*.

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Payd to Thomas Avery for setting up Seynt Thomas and pavyng y^e Church, and
 whyte lymyng xij*d*

¹ Winch.² Seats.³ Black lawn to veil the Rood in Lent.⁴ = 29th, the unit prefixed deducts from the later figures. See below in 1519, ix*x* = 19.⁵ Viz., with candles.⁶ First use of this phrase, which perhaps embraces the laying of the body in the Church before burial, as well as a grave beneath the pavement.

Paid to y ^e chanon ¹ for mend y ^e vestments	xij <i>d</i> .
Paid for mendyng a croke ² to a tynkar	x <i>d</i> .
Paid for xjells of lynyen to make ij albys and ij amys	vs.

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Paid for a schepe skyn to cover y ^e boke	ij <i>d</i> .
„ for mendyng y ^e tabullment and Seynt Ketryne	iijs. v <i>d</i> .
Total	£liij viijs.

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J. HANNAM AND SAUNDER HARRIS, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Meryot and Warre	£xj viijs.
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[Nothing unusual.] Total £xxv x*d*.

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Paid for y ^e composition	v <i>d</i> .
„ at Ken for y ^e parysch	v <i>d</i> .
„ for hopying a trendelle of y ^e churche	ii <i>d</i> .
„ for x yerds of crest clothe to make ij mete clothes to y ^e churche howse	ijs. v <i>d</i> .
„ for a preket to set afore Seynt Kateryn	iiij <i>d</i> .

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Paid to y ^e chappell prist ³	xij <i>d</i> .
Total	£xxiiij viijs.

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T. KNYGHT AND J. FYSSAR, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Hannam and Harris	£xx viijs. x <i>d</i> .
[Nothing unusual.] Total	£xxiiij xvijs.

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EXPENSES.

Paid to Wyllyam Carpenter for goyng up to y ^e rele, and for y ^e mendyng	v <i>d</i> .
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Paid for a streymer and a baner	xxxiijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
„ for huckmocks	v <i>d</i> .
„ for reban ⁴ to mend y ^e best sewte and y ^e second kope	xv <i>d</i> .
„ to Syr Rycharde ⁵	xijs. viij <i>d</i> .

¹ Probably an Augustinian Canon of the neighbouring House of Worspring.

² Crock.

³ Priest, whether of the detached chapel or of St. James's.

⁴ Ribband, ribbon.

⁵ I.e., Sir Richard Yorke.

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Payd for mendyng y ^e segs in y ^e churche howse	x <i>d</i> .
„ for a chalesses that was new cast	xviijs.
„ for mendyng anoder chalis	iijs.
„ for blessing y ^e seid chalis	ijs.

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Payd to y ^e plummpe ¹ maker	vjs.
„ for drawyng up y ^e plumpe to y ^e welle	j <i>d</i> .
„ to y ^e chapell prist Syr Wylyyam	xxvijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Total	£ix xvjs. iiij <i>d</i> .

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W. KYNG AND R. WORNELLE, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Knyght and Fysser	£xxiiij xviiij <i>d</i> .
[Nothing unusua ¹ .]	

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EXPENSES.

Payd for a purne ² stryng	j <i>d</i> .
„ for ij casis for ij chalis	xiiij <i>d</i> .
„ for hangyng up y ^e lampe in y ^e chanselle	vij <i>d</i> .
„ for a lyne to y ^e lampe	ij <i>d</i> .
„ for leying stones in y ^e new chapelle	j <i>d</i> .

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Payd for y ^e sexton ³	xviiij <i>d</i> .
„ for iiij and 4 pownds of wax agenest crystymas ⁴	xlvs.

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Payd to y ^e tynkar for mendyng y ^e halywater stocke	xij <i>d</i> .
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J. THURBAN AND W. HORDE, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Kyng and Wornelle	£xxxiiij iijs.
Reseyvyd of John Avery for his wyfes lyng in y ^e churche	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
„ of William Hayman	xiijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
„ of John Cradock	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
„ of John Mascall and John Hyllman	vj. viij <i>d</i> .
„ ij ryngs with a pere ⁵ knyfes.	

¹ Pump.² Apron.³ A usual entry for some ears.⁴ A yearly entry.⁵ Pair.

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[Taverns and legacies as usual, and then]

Resevyd of Rychard Legette for candyls of y ^e rele	j <i>d</i> .
Resevyd of y ^e rele of T. Hurne	ij <i>d</i> .
„ of John . . . for y ^e rele	j <i>d</i> .
„ of Isabelle Tynkar for candylls of y ^e rele	j <i>d</i> .

PAGE 361. EXPENSES [nothing unusual].

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Payd to a vestment-maker to make a vestment of y ^e olde cope	vs. iiij <i>d</i> .
„ for a reband ¹ to y ^e seid vestment	j <i>d</i> .

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Payd to Syr Davy	xxvjs. viij <i>d</i> .
„ to Syr John	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
„ for steynyng and gyldyng of y ^e Crosse	iijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
„ for rydyng to Wells for y ^e visitation ²	viij <i>d</i> .
„ expenses for rydyng to Dondre ³	viij <i>d</i> .
„ to Syr John for his wages	xxs. viij <i>d</i> .

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Payd yn yernes ⁴ to y ^e steyner	j <i>d</i> .
Total	£x iiij <i>s</i> .

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W. TAYLER AND ROBERT THURBAN, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from J. Thurban and W. Horde	£xxxviij iiij <i>s</i> .
[The receipts include several small bequests to the chapel, and one bequest of John Toore for "lyeng" in the church]	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
Total	£xlx xix <i>s</i> . vj <i>d</i> .

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Detts to y^e Church, the which that the Wardens⁵ be not charged.

J. Cadocke for his wyfys lynge in the Church	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
J. Thurban for his moder lynge in the Church	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
Matthew Toore for his sisters lynge in y ^e church	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
Three sureties delivered to John Wakelyn	xxvjs. viij <i>d</i> .
Three other men owe, each	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .

¹ Ribbon.

² First time of this entry.

³ Dundry.

⁴ Earnest.

⁵ Probably Tayler and Thurban; no date.

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EXPENSES.

Payd to W. Hatheway for setting up y ^e canebe	xxd.
„ for x pownds wax to make y ^e rele	vijs. xjd.
„ for making y ^e seyde rele	iijd.

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Payd for a cheyne to y ^e canebe	jd.
Nearly ij Tons of lead are bought at per ton	£iij xs.
Three tymes rydyng to Mendip	viijd.
Payd for castyng of vj ton of ledde	V nobulls viijd. (1)

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Payd for beryng of y ^e seyde olde ledde fro y ^e chapelle to y ^e parsonage ; }	ijd.
To Thomas Prewett y ^e bocher ²	
„ for beryng of y ^e seyde ledde, to Thomas Prewett, John Berner, and Thomas Warre	ixd.
„ for mete and drynke to making y ^e molde ³ to cast y ^e seid ledde	vijd.
„ to y ^e heyward of Comysbury for a cooppe wod, and for y ^e cariage	xxd.

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Payd for iij wekys and more to Thurban and Tayler ⁴ for to yntende ⁵ y ^e seid plomner	ijs. viijd.
„ for halowyng a pere of vestments	xijd.
„ at Bristow for bakarrs londs ⁶	xijd.

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Payd for iiij torchesse	xiijs. vjd.
Total	£xvj xiijs. iiijd.

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J. AVEREY AND W. FLICHE, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS. [A very short list.]

Balance from Tayler and Thurban	£xxxiiij iijs.
Total	£xlv vijs.

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EXPENSES.

Payd for wakyng y ^e sepulcre ⁷	ob.
„ for schreds to bynd y ^e lyme ⁸	ijd.

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Payd to a mynnystrelle ⁹	xijd.
„ to Syr John Masday	xxs. xd.
„ for ij ymnalls	ijs. xd.
„ for wrytyng y ^e boke at Stoke and at home	iijs. iiijd.
„ to y ^e clarke of Axbrige for peynting of y ^e seid cloth	xxvjs. viijd.

¹ I.e., £iij vijs. iiijd.

² Butcher.

³ Mould.

⁴ Wardens.

⁵ Oversee.

⁶ Baker's lands ; where ?

⁷ The Sepulchre has not been mentioned since 1507-8.

⁸ Cow-hair is now used by plasterers in like way.

⁹ First entry.

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In expenses for dyking y ^e new yew ¹		xxijs. iiij ^d .
Total		£xxxv xixs. xjd.

THE CHAPELLE DETT.

[The list comprises bequests of money and kind.]

Alys Wake for lyyng yn y ^e chapelle		vs.
John Cannyngton		vs.
The hole sum of this boke to y ^e Chapelle		xlijs. xd.

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[An undated sheet entitled "Bequests gevyn to y^e parysch of Yatton by [= in] Wm. Wornell and Wm. Bradmere ys dayis" [1498], followed by bequests in Knight and Tucker's days [1499] and loose memoranda. The bequests amount to many pounds.]

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T. HYLMAN AND ROBERT THURBAN, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS. [of the usual type.]

Balance from Avery and Fliche		£xxxv xixs. xjd.
Total		£lj xixs.

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EXPENSES.

For a pype ³ for y ^e second belle rope to renne ⁴ yn		iiij ^d .
to Keytyngalle for workyng y ^e chirche werk		£iij vjs. viij ^d .

[The pump still called a "plumpe." Much stone hauled from Felton.]

PAGES 8, 9.

Paid to y ^e clerke of Axbrige for peyntyng y ^e won ⁵ part of y ^e cloth		xxvjs. viij ^d .
Paid to y ^e seid Massynnys ⁶		xls. xd.
„ for setting up of y ^e old fynyalls		xiijs. iiij ^d .

¹ The amount of the charge looks like the repair of the yeo, *i.e.*, main-drain; or of a yere = sluice.

² N.B. In this Vol. the date at which the accounts are made up is never stated. It is probable, however, that, as in other accounts, it is before March 25th. A figure is therefore added within brackets to represent the year according to our reckoning.

³ Tube to protect floor against friction.

⁴ Run.

⁵ One.

⁶ Masons.

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W. KYNG, CALLED BONNEWY, AND R. WEBBE, WARDENS.

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RECEIPTS.

Balance from Hylman and Thurban £xxxvij vjs. viij*d*.
[The three Ales yield the large sum of £xij, and, with many bequests, and Balance,
swell the Total Receipts to £xlxxxxj xjs.]

PAGES 13, 14, 15.

EXPENSES.

For a trawle to plumpe iij*d*.
for an apurne¹ to y^e church iij*d*.
for setting up y^e tabylment ij*d*.
for stones for y^e crosse xxvjs. viij*d*.
for vj waynes of stone fro Felton, and vj moe to Wm. Hort fre mason . . . xxvjs. viij*d*.
for mendyng y^e chaunsell viijs. viij*d*.

PAGES 16, 17.

for yryn barre for Westwyndo in y^e towre ijs.
for do. do. to y^e neue warke xiiij*d*.
More waynes of stone from Felton.
for mendyng y^e Constryke² in y^e chaunsell xiiij*d*.
to Wm. Hort fre mason xxs.
in expenses at Wells when we went to gefe an answere to Master Beckham³ for y^e
parysch.

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Dettes to y^e church, y^e which y^e Wardens be not charged with.
[Items similar in character ; many the same as in last list.]

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R. MAY AND JOHN VIGOUR, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Webbe and Bonnewy £xxxiiij viijs.
Several for lying in the Church.
of John Hort for a stone for his sister iijs.
[The Ale days are specified as St. James' Day, Hock Day, and Whitsuntide.]
Total £xix xs.

¹ Apron.

² Candlestick.

³ Canon of Wells, holding the Visitation Court of the Prebendal Peculiar.

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EXPENSES.

For making a shote¹ and for hewing of ij shydes², and for warke on y^e chaunselle ijs. iiij^d.
for a carnocke³ of lyne, and bryngyng home ix^s.

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for many loads of Felton stone ?
for ryddyng y^e ground to y^e Crosse, and shrydyng y^e trees xvj^d.

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payd for stone to y^e hede of y^e Crosse iijs. vj^d.
,, for bryngyng it home⁴ xs. iiij^d.
,, in expenses for rydyng to Bath xij^d.

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for sawyng y^e burdestocke⁵ to y^e church ijs. v^d.
for thungs and for a lace to y^e canebe jd. ob.
to J. Hort y^e fre Mason for rydyng to Bath to se y^e stonys [besides 3 payments of
xiijs. and xxs. and liijs.] vj^d.

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[Several entries of expenses for scaffolding.]

for settingg uppe of y^e schaffoold and of y^e crosse hed ijs. viij^d.
for settingg uppe y^e seid tymber and for thacking y^e crosse iijs. vj^d.
for repyng of y^e rede⁶ and for bryngyng home iiij^d.
to halfe an hundred of brymbylls⁷ ij^d.
to y^e gyltar xxs.
Total £xvj xixs. vj^d.

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ROBERT THURBAN AND JOHN STRETYNG, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from May and Vigour £xxxiiij xvjs.
For Wold⁸ dett vs. viij^d.
For ryngyng Syr Wyllyams modor⁹ knele xx^d.
Total £xxxxxj xvjs.

The receipts from the Ales this year are (as of old) from the "Lightmen of the East and West parts." The truth probably is that the Lightmen did their collecting work, whilst the people were assembled at the Ale in the Church house.]

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¹ Casting metal in a mould.

² Shroud-wood for fuel.

³ Curnock. A measure of 4 bushels (Wright's Prov. Dict.) ⁴ The finest Bath stone was used for the carving.

⁵ Boardstock, i.e., a trunk fit for sawing into plank; board is still pronounced "boord."

⁶ For thatching the Cross against frost, whilst the stone was green.

⁷ Brambles for same purpose.

⁸ Old.

⁹ Mother's.

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1	{	Payd to y ^e organ maker	£xij
		„ for makyng a fote ² to y ^e organs	iijs.
		„ in expenses for y ^e organ maker and for his company that gefe attendance with hym	viijs.
		„ for makyng priketts agenest Alhalowday	ij <i>d</i> .
		„ to y ^e organ pleyer	xxj <i>d</i> .

PAGE 38. EXPENSES. [Sundry repairs to pump, &c.]

For schotyng y^e draw3te³ of y^e plumpe iiij*d*.

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for a dext clothe of iij yerds xiiij*d*.
to Thomas Nefelle, gylder £iij

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for ij awterclothes, won of diaper and another of bocaram, ye price vjs. vj*d*.
for a manuall ijs. iiij*d*.

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for ij awter clothes of vj yerds and a halfe, y^e price a yerd ijs. v*d*. ob.
for halowyng of iiij awter clothys viij*d*.

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for schotyng a broche⁴ in y^e Church howse ob.
Total £ix xviijs. xj*d*.

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T. KEW AND W. WAMPERFYLDE, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Stretyng and Thurban £xliij xvjs. v*d*.
Nothing unusual.

Total £xxix xvjs. ix*d*.

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EXPENSES.

Payd to y^e organ maker at Brystow xls.
„ at Bristow with y^e parich makyng y^e bargain xx*d*.
„ for mendyng y^e bonds of y^e surplesse and y^e rochetts ij*d*.

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Payd for makyng a myster⁵ to y^e Church howse iiij*s*. iiij*d*.
„ for a peer of gemows⁶ to y^e seid myster xiiij*d*.
„ for a locke, ij ryngs to y^e seid myster v*d*.
„ for ij dosyn and a halfe drynkyng bowls, and a dosyn and a halfe of mete dysses, and iiij dosyn trenchers and a ladylle xvj*d*.

¹ These items have been scratched out. No date.

² A pedal?

³ Casting the drawing-rod of pump.

⁴ A spit.

⁵ Unexplained.

⁶ Pair of harges.

[Much stone for the west window of the Church.]

Payd to John Wakelyn for glasyng vjs.

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Payd for sprangs to church lader ij*℥*.
 „ for makyng a yeere¹ to y^e Church howse cowle j*℥*. ob.
 „ to John Wakelyn for glasyng² *℥*ij
 „ for iij boks³ to y^e church xlvjs. viij*℥*.
 „ for mending of y^e pyx of y^e hye awter iiij*℥*.
 „ to y^e organ maker at Bristow xxs.
 „ in expenses for bryngyng home y^e organs, and to y^e seyd Halyar⁴ of Brystow vijs. ob.
 „ for mending y^e hedde of y^e West Wyndow iijs.

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Payd to y^e organ maker *℥*xij
 Payd in expense for y^e organ maker, and for hys compane that gefe attendance with
 hym to helpe hym viijs. viij*℥*.
 „ to y^e organ maker when that he was last payd of hys pay, for a reward⁵ xvij*℥*.
 „ for makyng priketts agenest Alhalowday ij*℥*.
 „ to y^e organ pleyer xxj*℥*.

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Payd to John Felyps for pleyng on y^e organs viij*℥*.
 Payd for iij sacryng bells clepers j*℥*.

[Waking the Sepulchre has disappeared.]

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J. CRADDOCK AND W. KYNG, WARDENS.

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RECEIPTS.

Balance from Kew and Wamperfylde *℥*xxix xvijs.
 Resevyd of Matthew Toore for iij quarters of saten of Bryge⁶ xij*℥*.
 „ of my lade⁷ Rodne for lone of y^e vestments ijs.

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xxx gifts, very small, towards buying lime; the largest from Isabell Hort “for a
 carnocke lyne” viij*℥*.
 Total *℥*xxviiij xviiij*℥*.

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¹ Ear?

² Too costly for plain glass.

³ Books.

⁴ Haulier.

⁵ A gratuity. Such “rewards” are common in the accounts.

⁶ Bruges.

⁷ Lady Elizabeth Chaworth, widow of Sir W. Rodney, was living in the Rodney Manor-House of Backwell. She died 1537, after founding a chantry in Backwell Church.

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EXPENSES.

Paid for a peynted clothe to y^e hye awter iijs. iiij*d*.

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Paid to R. Porcar for brannyng¹ lyme iijs. iiij*d*.
 [There are other like payments to him, and for coals.]

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[The spire is repaired and pointed :—three items.]
 [Coal hauled from Nailsea.]

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Paid for wax, xx li. agenyst Saynt James Day². ix*s*. vij*d*.
 „ to a mynstrelle for pleyng at xij*d*.
 „ for hewyng a clavey³ to Church howse iiij*d*.

PAGES 63-4.

Paid for y^e iryn gere to y^e gownte⁴ dorre at Wemeram [Wimberham on the Yeo] xvj*d*.
 „ to ij men for stoppyng y^e sayd water xvj*d*.

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WATER WILLIAMS AND J. WEBBE, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Kyng and Cradock £xxviiij xiiij*d*.
 [Nothing unusual.] Total £xxvj xjs.

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EXPENSES.

Paid to y^e gyldar for y^e tabylment xls.
 „ to y^e belle maker £xix vj*d*.
 [with many items for carrying the old bell into Bristol, and bringing back and hanging the new one.]

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Paid for gylytyng of Saynt James xiijs. v*d*.
 „ for gylytyng of owre Lady vjs.

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Paid for xxviiij piownde wexe, wyche made y^e torchys and y^e tapyr, y^e wyche shall
 brene⁵ when y^e corse shall be presente xviijs. viij*d*.
 „ for xiiij pownde of wekezerne⁶ iijs. vj*d*.
 „ for makyng of y^e seyde torchys, and for expenses of y^e makyng of y^e seyde
 torchys ijs.

¹ Burning.

² Hitherto limited to Christmas and Easter.

³ Mantel-piece. Presumably so called as the place where the keys (claves) were hung.

⁴ Drain. The bursting of this sluice in the sea bank was a peril to the whole level, and therefore repaired by Church funds, without pressure from authority.

⁵ Burn.

⁶ Wick-yarn.

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Payd for framyng of y^e seegys¹ in y^e church, for makyng ij doerys² in y^e towre, and all
y^e levys³ of y^e wyndowes in y^e Church-howse, with hookys, twystys, and
haspys xxiijs. iiij*d*.
,, for y^e sege in y^e chaunsell to R. Kew for hys hondewerke, and for a bord to
J. Harriis ijs.
,, for y^e koverynd⁴ of y^e ovyn xx*d*.
Total £xiiij vijs.

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MATTHEW TOORE AND W. ROME, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Willyams and Webbe £xxxiiij xjs. x*d*.
[Several old debts recovered, and three fees at vjs. viij*d*. "for lying in the church."]
Total £xli*j* ijs.

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EXPENSES.

Payd for a horse⁵ locke to y^e cherche yatte viij*d*.
,, for makyng y^e tabernacle of Saynt Thomas xxs.
,, for bryngyng home y^e same seid tabernacull to y^e carver xv*j**d*.
,, to Thomas Partrych for makyng ij coppsys⁶, and an hapse to y^e cherche yatt ii*j**d*. ob.
,, for an ocke⁷ xxii*j**d*.
,, to Jo. Whyte y^e Belmaker xlixs. v*j**d*.
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Payd to J. Partrych for a bronde-yrn, and for naylys ijs. ii*j**d*.
,, for wadlyng⁸ y^e cherche howse viij*d*.
PAGES 79-80.

Payd to a mynstrell at Wytsonday ijs. viij*d*.
Total £x iijs. ii*j**d*.

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J. WALE AND T. TAYLER, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Toore and Rome £xli*j* ijs. ii*j**d*.
[After iij items of receipt the account ends, but it is resumed with formal heading and
I.H.S. on page 83, beginning with the iij items. Two pages have been cut out.]
of Master Capel for a reward⁹ to y^e Church xx*d*.
of a bequest of Syr Davy iijs. iiij*d*.

¹ Seats. ² Doors. ³ Shutters. ⁴ Covering. ⁵ ⁶ Unexplained. ⁷ Oak.
⁸ Wattling. ⁹ Gratuity.

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[The three Ales are still very fruitful, yielding £xviij viijs. iiij*d*.]

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EXPENSES.

to y ^e Bellator ¹ of Brystow at makynge y ^e bargain	iijs.
payd for ij kynterkynns to y ^e cherche howse	viij <i>d</i> .

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payd for rydyng to Bristow on y ^e Ascencione day	ij <i>d</i> .
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payd for ij salt celars and a dosyn dysses with a dosyn of trenchers	vd.
„ for ij huckemocks to y ^e cherch	vj <i>d</i> .

[A large number of entries again this year about the casting of a bell at Bristol.]

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for makynge wax ageynst Saynt James day ²	ij <i>d</i> .
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for reparations on y ^e chapell of my Lady Newtons	vijs. xj <i>d</i> .
to a Mynstrell	xiijs. iiij <i>d</i> .

Total	£xj xvs.
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J. BEKE AND J. VIGOR, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Wale and Tayler	£xlviij
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[Nothing unusual.]

Total	£xlviij xvijs.
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EXPENSES.

Payd to R. Kew for crossebarrs and rounds for y^e peyse³.

This yere Robert and John Grenefylde is paid for pointing and other work on the Church

£lvij vjs. vd.

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Payd to J. Rylbere for stonys to y ^e Chapell wyndow	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
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„ to R. Grenefylde for takynge downe an elder tre out of a pype abooffe in y ^e towre	iijs.
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„ for mendynge of a gargyne ⁴ hede	xx <i>d</i> .
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„ to a mynstrele at Wytsonyde	vjs.
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„ for assyon cuppys ⁵	iiij <i>d</i> .
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PAGE 100.

[The great bell re-cast at Bristow, and rehung.]

¹ Bell-founder.² A regular entry.³ Clock-weight.⁴ Gurgoyle⁵ Ashen cups.

PAGE 101.

payd for xxviiij yards of Irys ¹ cloth for a hussyllyng ² cloth the price	vs. ijd.
„ for mendyng a sylver canstyke ³	xvj d.
„ for vj yards of lasyng to mend old vestments	vd.

PAGE 102.

payd to R. Grenefelde for poyntyng a tornelle ⁴ of y ^e cherche	ijs. viij d.
„ for mendyng y ^e surplesse collars, and for a new amysse	xij d.
„ to J. Meryfeld for makyng a croke to y ^e Sacrament over y ^e hye auter	jd.
Total	£xvj vjs. xd.

PAGES 103-4.

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[After a page cut out, p. 105 shows a Heading for 1533-4 crossed out. pp. 106-7-8 contain expenses, probably of Cooke and Payne, but crossed out, with "verte" in the margin.]

Total £liij viijs.

[Some of the items on pp. 107-8, which are not found in the audited account, are given here.]

PAGE 107.

for makyng of halfe a dosyn of towells of y ^e olde hoselyng ⁵ cloth	iiij d.
to y ^e gyltdar ⁶ [twice the same]	xiijs. iiij d.

PAGE 108.

for halfe a dosyn heryng barells	iijs.
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PAGES 109-10.

A.D. m.cccccc.xxxiij[iii].

EDWARD COOKE AND WATER PAYN, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Beke and Vigor	£xlviij xvijs.
[Nothing unusual.]	
Total	£liij xs.

PAGE 111.

EXPENSES.

Payd to Thomas Jeferes, bellatur ⁷ of Bristow in part	xlxs. vjd.
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PAGE 112.

Payd to y ^e gyltdar	xiijs. iiij d.
„ to Syr John Batell	xxxvs.

¹ Irish.

² Houselling cloth spread over the rails during the Communion of the faithful. Appointed in the Coronation Services of the Georges. Still used in some Churches in the Diocese of Winchester, at St. Mary's, Oxford &c.

³ Candlestick.

⁴ Turret.

⁵ Gilder.

⁶ Bell-founder.

PAGE 113.

Paid for a serche ¹ to y ^e cherche howse	viiij ^d .
„ to a Mynstrell	viijs. iiij ^d .

PAGE 116.

Paid for a ryng and stapull to y ^e font	j ^d . ob.
„ for a hole peesse ² to make fronts to y ^e syde auters	xixs. viij ^d .
„ in yerneste ³ for a cope	iiij ^d .
Total	£xv xs. vij ^d .

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PAGES 118-119.

J. H. S. A. D. m. cccccc. xxxiv[v].

J. ERLE AND J. BENE, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Cooke and Payne	£liij xs.
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PAGE 120.

[Besides usual gifts, are vjs. for “an ocke,” ijs. for “y ^e croppe of an ocke.”] of John Wassborowe for lygthmanshepe ⁴	vjs. viij ^d .
Total	£xxiiij xiiij ^s .

PAGE 121.

EXPENSES.

Paid for mendyng y ^e vyce durre locke in y ^e towre	vij ^d .
„ for makyng yryn pynnys for y ^e foore locks in y ^e medyll flore	j ^d .
„ to T. Organs wyfe for makyng a canebe to y ^e hye awter	vj ^d .
„ for mendyng a coveryng to y ^e font	xij ^d .

PAGE 122.

Paid for a hole sewte of vestments with a Coope	£xxx
„ at Thomas Prewetts with y ^e parysch of Comysbure ⁵ and Yatton for brynggyng ther sewte of vestments, in expenses	ijs. xd.
„ to T. Tucker of Comysbure for beryng y ^e sayd vestments home	j ^d .
„ to J. Meryfeld for scowryng of canstyks, and mendyng y ^e canebe, and for iij new cheynys, and mendyng a quart, and for crooks to y ^e awter clothes, and mendyng a frunt over y ^e hye awter	ijs. xd.
„ to Terre Lucocke for makyng y ^e fronts of y ^e new awter clothes and a cooshen	viiij ^d .

PAGE 123.

Paid to J. Jeferes of Brystow, y ^e bellatur ⁶	xlixs. vj ^d .
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¹ Survey?² Whole piece.³ Earnest.⁴ Not a private gift, but to be added to his collection as Lightman.⁵ The parish of Congresbury seems to have bought a suit likewise, and to have greeted the arrival of the two suits at a joint Church Ale, given by T. Prewett.⁶ Most of these items are repeated, pp. 137-8. There are no yearly entries of payments to an organist besides those noted.

Payd to y ^e organ maker	xiijs. iiij <i>℥</i> .
„ at y ^e tewnyng of y ^e sayd organs, in expenses for Peter and Thomas in wyne	ij <i>℥</i>
„ for forks, forlocks, pynnes to y ^e bales [bellows]	
„ for mendyng iij sacryng bellys, and y ^e Church chetyll	xij <i>℥</i> .
„ at Keynsam to y ^e sumnar ¹	j <i>℥</i> .

PAGE 124.

Payd at Brystow to y ^e browdurar ²	£vi
„ for a crosse at Saynt James tyde	lvjs. viij <i>℥</i> .
„ to y ^e bale ³ of Wellys for ookys ⁴ in Kyngs wood	xliijs. vij <i>℥</i> .
„ in expenses for y ^e chosyng of y ^e Woke ⁵	iiij <i>℥</i> .
„ for wax at Mychalmas, for xxvj pownds, at vj <i>℥</i> . a pownde	xiijs.
„ to Syr Rychard, prist ⁶	vs.

[Not totalled.]

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A.D. m.ccccc.xxv[v].

T. WYLKYS AND CALYX SPREDE, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Erle and Bene £xxij xiijs.

[Nothing unusual.]

PAGE 131.

EXPENSES.

Payd for mendyng y ^e best canstyke and scowryng a sensar	xviij <i>℥</i> .
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PAGE 132.

Payd for makyng iij rochetts	xvj <i>℥</i> .
„ to y ^e Carpynter four sums besides earnest : to carver	xxs.

PAGE 133.

Payd at Banwell for halowyng y ^e sewte of vestments	vij <i>℥</i> .
„ with y ^e parysch at Comesbure upon Wyttesday ⁷	xx <i>℥</i> .
„ for makyng ij new awter clothes	iiij <i>℥</i> .

PAGE 134.

Payd for xvj eils of cloth for y ^e hole sewte vestments	xs. viij <i>℥</i> .
„ for makyng iij albys, iij amys, for y ^e sewte	xd.
„ in expenses at y ^e makyng of y ^e sege in y ^e church, for iij dayes warke	vij <i>℥</i> .

PAGE 135.

Payd for iij ells of dyaper for ij awter clothes	xs. viij <i>℥</i> .
„ iij earnest pense, won to Osburne and another to Sperark y ^e carver, and Grenefyld	iiij <i>℥</i> .

Total £xj xvs.

¹ Summoner, or Apparitor, of Visitation Court.

² Embroiderer

³ Bailiff.

⁴ Oaks.

⁵ Oak.

⁶ Priest.

⁷ Whit-tuesday.

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[After one page cut out, pages 137-8 contain sundry payments of A.D. 1534-5 to be found on pages 123-4.]

PAGE 139.

J.H.S. A.D. m.ccccc.xxxvi[vii].

J. CRADOCKE AND J. COLMAN, WARDENS.

Balance from Wylkyns and Sprede £xxix ijd.

RECEIPTS.

Resevyd of Isabell Avery a pelow and auter cloth.

„ of John Avery a bequest of vjs. viijd.

„ for a bequest of Master Perceval¹ vs.

[with many more.]

Total £xij ijs. vjd.

PAGE 143.

EXPENSES.

Paid for makyng a sege, and for makyng a dext iiij s. iiij d.

[The timber bought above is now sawn and brought home.]

PAGE 144.

Paid to Thomas Carpynter for a setting up y^e pascall ijd.

„ „ „ laying up the tymber²

„ to a carver xlvjs.

PAGE 145.

Paid to ij mynstrell vjs.

„ to Syr Robert for makyng an auter cloth xx d.

„ for makyng ij clappsys³ to y^e Coope vijd.

„ for withdrawyng y^e constre⁴ cowrte iij d.

„ for y^e mendyng a coppys of a coffur in y^e chaunsell sett ijd.

PAGE 146.

Paid for drawyng of strake⁵ schyd to y^e sayd pytte vd.

„ for makyng of hawfe⁶ y^e pytte vjd.

„ to Wm. Sensam in ernes for makyng a clock and chyme jd.

¹ A family seated at Tickenham Court.

² For seasoning.

³ Clasps.

⁴ See above, A.D. 1503; suit instituted in the Consistory Court, and now withdrawn.

⁵ ?

⁶ ? A hovel-shed run up to cover the saw-pit.

PAGES 147-8.

A.D m.ccccc.xxvii[viii].

J. HANNAM AND J. SMYTH, WARDENS.

Balance from Cradocke and Colman . . . £xxix vjs.

Stock transferred to y^e New Wardens.

Pinnacle of best cross. ¹	Twenty-five Rings.
Silver studs of girdle.	Two kerchiefs.
Two girdles—harnessed.	Pillow and altar cloth.

RECEIPTS.

of Master Choward, ² y ^e ornaments of y ^e Church at Backwell	iijs. iiij <i>℥</i> .
Total	£xliij xiijs.

PAGE 149.

EXPENSES.

Payd to Syr Harry	xiijs. iiij <i>℥</i> .
„ to Syr John Batell	viijs.
„ for mendyng y ^e font and a chalys	iiij <i>℥</i> s.
„ for y ^e parysche at Comesbure	xx <i>℥</i> .
„ „ at Ken	xvj <i>℥</i> .

PAGE 150.

Payd to y ^e gyltar	xx <i>℥</i> s.
„ to y ^e Mynstrells	x <i>℥</i> s. j <i>℥</i> .
„ to y ^e gyltar	xliijs. iiij <i>℥</i> .
„ to y ^e buckebynddar	xxiijs. iiij <i>℥</i> .
„ more to y ^e buckebynddar	xv <i>℥</i> s.
„ for y ^e furst buke to y ^e sayd buckebynddar	vj <i>℥</i> .
„ in expenses with y ^e parysch at Keynsam ³	v <i>℥</i> s.
„ to y ^e buckebynddar for another bargayn	xxvj <i>℥</i> s. ix <i>℥</i> .
„ to T. Stone for makyng yryn gere to Saynt John	vj <i>℥</i> .
„ in expenses for makyng a scaffold to Saynt John ⁴	ij <i>℥</i> .
„ to y ^e gyltar	xvijs.

PAGE 151.

Payd for a locke and a key to y ^e font	iiij <i>℥</i> .
„ for a shyde ⁵ to y ^e pytt to saw a pece of tymber apon	ij <i>℥</i> s. j <i>℥</i> .
„ for fyllyng ⁶ y ^e sayd shyde, and for bryngyng to y ^e pytt	viiij <i>℥</i> .
„ for sawyng of y ^e sayd tymber for y ^e clocke howse	vs. iiij <i>℥</i> .
„ for beryng in y ^e sayd tymber into y ^e chapell	xij <i>℥</i> .

¹ Went on till 1546, then sold.

² The executor, probably of Lady Elizabeth Chaworth, widow of Sir Walter Rodney. She borrowed vestments in 1528-9, for which it would seem compensation was paid. She died 1537, June 3rd. See her monument at Backwell.

³ A visitation or an Ale?

⁴ Viz., on the Roodloft.

⁵ Shroud, or branch, for the saw-pit.

⁶ Felling.

PAGE 152.

Paid to y ^e peynter for y ^e last bargayn makyng	xxvjs. viij <i>d</i> .
„ to y ^e buckebyndar	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
„ for setting y ^e plate afore Saynt Jorge ¹	ix <i>d</i> .
„ to Thomas Bredmere for y ^e sexteneshepe ² for y ^e halfe yere	xvii <i>d</i> .
Total	£xviii <i>j</i> xs.

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PAGES 155-6-7.

A.D. m.ccccc.xxxviii[ix].

T. GYLLYNG AND J. SOMERSETT, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Hannam and Smythe	£xxv vjs.
[Nothing unusual, but a] bequest from a poore woman	iii <i>d</i> .
Total	£xxxvii <i>j</i> vii <i>js</i> .

PAGE 158.

Detts to y^e Church wyche we be not chargyd wt. [9 names.]Detts owyd for beryng in y^e Church. [18 names ; some crossed out as having paid after.]

PAGE 159.

EXPENSES.

Paid to y ^e clocke howse makyng in y ^e Church	xiijs. iii <i>d</i> .
„ to y ^e bede man for makyng a dycke in y ^e parsonage	vii <i>d</i> .

PAGE 160.

Paid for Lyme at Chewton	iijs. iii <i>d</i> .
„ for fetchyng Osburne	iii <i>d</i> .
„ in expenses on Schere Thurssday ³	iii <i>d</i> .

PAGE 161.

Paid for hewyng a tre for y ^e clocke howse	ijs.
„ to Osburne ⁴	£ii <i>j</i>

PAGE 162.

Paid for a by byll ⁵	ixs. v <i>d</i> .
„ for y ^e Mynstrells	xs.
„ for mendyng of a chales	ijs.
„ to y ^e buckebyndar	xxvjs. iii <i>d</i> .
„ to William Sensam for y ^e clocke	xxs.

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Paid for ij hundryth of bords to make y ^e Church coffur	iiijs. viii <i>d</i> .
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PAGE 164.

Paid to Syr Harry for a bucke ⁶	vii <i>d</i> .
Balance	£xx xs. ob.

¹ A new entry.² Sextonship.³ Maundy Thursday.⁴ The maker of the Clock-house.⁵ Bible.⁶ Book.

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PAGES 166-7-8.

A.D. m.ccccc.xxxix[xl].

T. MYDWYNTER AND J. HYLMAN, WARDENS.¹

RECEIPTS.

of Humfrey Lett, Clarke of y ^e sayd parysch	ijs. iiijd.
for candels of y ^e rele from J. Avery	jd.
Total	£xxxv xviijs.

PAGE 169.

EXPENSES.

[Three loads of timber hauled, a stair in the Church-house and a window added.]

PAGE 170.

Payd to Syr Robert Cocke for mendyng and peyntyng the cloth of y ^e sepulcre ² and y ^e roode	ijs. vd.
„ for takyng down of y ^e clocke howse ³	xijd.

PAGE 171.

Payd to a pryste of Brys . . . for comyng to Yatton	viijd. (⁴)
„ for mendyng y ^e patent ⁵ of the chalesse	xvjd.
„ in expenses at John Wyld for the cownt makyng of mastres Mydwynter and Hylman. ⁶	
„ for an ell of cloth to make iiij corporas	xvd.
„ for a locke to y ^e font	iiijd.
„ for ij yards of here cloth for an awter	xvd.
„ for vestments in part payment	£vj

PAGE 172.

Payd to J. Meryfyld for makyng a cheyne to y ^e bybyll	viijd.
„ stoppyng of the holes under y ^e clocke howse	ijd.
„ in part for y ^e clocke	xxxiijs. iiijd.
„ to . . . and to y ^e seid Clockmaker	xxs.
„ to Thomas Carpynter for a hole wekes worke and hys man Nycholas	vjs. vjd.
„ to Nycholas for ij days worke more	xiiijd.
„ for mendyng ij lokkys on y ^e regester coffer	ixd.

PAGE 173.

Payd for makyng clene y ^e lampe in y ^e chaunsell	jd.
„ for bryngyng home y ^e clocke	ijs. viijd.
„ do. do. do. y ^e frame of y ^e clocke	vjd.
„ to J. Tayler for rydyng to Wells	xxd.
„ in expenses when we fett ⁷ y ^e crosse from Brystow	vd.
Total	£xv xs.

¹ Thos. Brodmere is surety for payment of xls. not paid by the late Wardens with the rest of the balance £xx xs.

² Not mentioned for many years.

³ I.e., the old one.

⁴ Torn.

⁵ Paten, first time it is mentioned.

⁶ I.e., the defaulting Wardens.

⁷ Fetched.

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[A paper book, 13 × 8 inches, also, like the last, bound in pages of MS.
Service Book.]

PAGE I.

A.D. m.cccccc.xxx. by error for m.cccccc.xxxxi[i].

W. TUCKER AND R. HORT, WARDENS.

Balance from Mydwynter and Hylman £xx ijs. ix*d*.

God be praysed in all his workes.

RECEIPTS [as usual].

PAGE 2.

EXPENSES.

Paid to J. Stretyng for goyng to Uphill when y ^e goods of y ^e Chyrche was gone	ij <i>d</i> .
„ to Wardens of Congsbury for ¹ y ^e Chyrche chetyll	vii <i>j</i> <i>d</i> .
„ to sawyng y ^e quyrbys to y ^e Furnes ² of Chyrche howse	v <i>j</i> <i>d</i> .

PAGE 3.

Paid for iij awter clothes halowyng	xij <i>d</i> .
„ for ij mynstrells	vjs. ix <i>d</i> .
„ to William. for hys with iiij other menys ³ expenses when y ^e chyrche was robbed	vs. iij <i>d</i> .

PAGE 4.

[several entries of expenses in seeking the goods.]

Paid for makyng a byll of indytement at Wellys sessyns	vii <i>j</i> <i>d</i> .
Total	£xj xvs. x <i>d</i> .

PAGES 5, 6.

A.D. m.cccccc.xxxxi[ii].

J. ERLE AND J. STAPERCHYLDE, WARDENS.

Balance from Tucker and Horte £xxij xiijs.

Wherof they toke thys dett followyng as many £v iijs.⁴ and at y^e accompte [were ?]
dyschargyd y^e same £v iijs., and y^e same prout⁵ in y^e dett-boke.

[RECEIPTS unfinished. Nothing unusual.]

PAGE 7.

EXPENSES.

Paid goyng to Ilchester sessyons for y ^e Chyrche goods	viijs. v <i>j</i> <i>d</i> . ob.
„ for iij stavys to bere y ^e pawle ⁶ cloth	iiij <i>d</i> .
„ to W. Rome and Edward Avere for leyng a tumbe in y ^e chyrche, with other reparations	xij <i>d</i> .

PAGE 8.

Paid to Syr John Frenshman for mendyng y ^e sayd surplesse and rochettes	xij <i>d</i> .
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¹ I.e., for the hire of.

² Much outlay on Furnace.

³ Men's.

⁴ Details omitted.

⁵ Qy., put out.

⁶ Pall; a new entry.

Payd to y^e Clarke for keepyng y^e clocke iijs.
 „ to y^e mynstrells at Wytsonday vjs. viij^d.

PAGE 9.

Payd for makyng y^e wax at Seynt James tyde and at halowntyde jd.
 „ for iiij score pownds of wax ageynst Crystymas xxxvijs. viij^d.
 „ for ye parysch at Kenston xv^d.
 Total . . . £viiij xviiij^d.
 So remayneth clere and al dyschargyd £xxij xixs. viij^d.

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PAGE 11.

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EXPENSES [of Wardens unnamed ; Heading and Receipts being lost].

For a pece of brode yncull¹ for gyrdyllys vd.
 for xvij sheets of dubbell plate vs. iiij^d.
 for ij hundryth and an halfe and iiij powndes yryn to make a beme a fore the hye
 awter, y^e price xvs. vj^d.
 to Smyth for makyng y^e sayd beme xs.
 to a smyth of Brystow for makyng a beme afore the hye awter, in part of pay-
 ment xvjs. viij^d.
 for caryng home of y^e sayd beme ijs. iiij^d.
 to W. Rome for setting in the foresayd beme in y^e chaunsell afore y^e hye awter, and
 for mendyng y^e wall² in y^e chyrch viij^d.

PAGES 12, 13.

[several more entries upon the same work.]

to a gylter of Brystow for gyltyng y^e kyngs armys xiijs. viij^d.
 for y^e parysch at Kynston Seymer xvj^d.
 for ij banners xxjs. xd.
 to John Lynch, Mynstrell vs.
 Total . . . £xiiiij xvjs. vd.

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Q.D. m.cccccc.xxxxii[iii].

J. IRYSCH AND T. PARTRYCH, WARDENS.

Balance from Cradocke and Meryfield £xxiiij ijs., of y^e wych ys xiiijs. of brokyng
 money, dandepratts³ and Irys grots.

RECEIPTS.

Resevyd for y^e Chapell bocke . . . liiij. vd.⁴
 Total . . . £xli xs.

¹ A kind of broad linen tape : bleached yarn.

² *I.e.*, at the beam ends.

³ A small coin, not in lawful currency. (Halliwell.)

⁴ A special subscription for outlay on the Chapel of St. James, or on its Services, growing in costliness. Burials are now allowed in it, at a fee of vs.

PAGE 17.	EXPENSES.
For mending of y ^e organs	xxvjs. viij <i>d</i> .
For a pawle ¹ cloth	xiijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Payd to y ^e commysnarrs ²	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
„ to C. Tanner for vij dayes warke makinge clene the rode lofte, and the glasyn wyndows	iijs. j <i>d</i> .

PAGE 18.

Payd for the Kyngs subysde ³	xiijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
„ to a vestment maker for makinge of a chesypull of an old cope	ijs. vj <i>d</i> .
„ for lynyn cloth to y ^e chesypull, and threde	iiij <i>d</i> . ob.
„ to the Chapell prist ⁴	£vij
Alowed to John Irys and Thomas Partrych for the brokyn sylver	vs. viij <i>d</i> .
Total	£xxij vs. iiij <i>d</i> .

PAGE 19.

Mem. that the Churchwardens hath bowyth of Thomas Brodmere iij acres of ereabull ground for the dett of xls. to the Church of Yatton for the space of foure jeres commyng next. Also yeffe, the sayd Thomas do paye at the day of the accounse next, xs., then he to have the ground that yere folowyng, yeffe not, the Church to take the prophete of the same sayde ground for the space of iiij yeres tyll the money be payd, that ys to say, iij acres above mere⁵, ereabull ground.

Item⁶, resevyd be John Stretyng and Wylliam Kew⁷, xs. for the furst yere.

In lyke manner they have bow³th all Thomas Prewetts ground in Claram for iij yeres, and yeffe he bryng not in hys xs. a yere duryng y^e space of iij counte dayes, then y^e chyrch to take y^e profett of y^e sayde grounds for so moche as hyt comyth to.

Also moreover they have bow³th of Richard Heyman iij acres of Medow in lange-mede for ij yeres, except he pay the next comt day vjs. viij*d*, and so that tyme twelve monyth vjs. viij*d*. more, or ells the Chyrche to take y^e profett of y^e sayd ground duryng the yeres for so moche.

Item,⁸ resevyd of R. Heyman be the honds of J. Stretyng and W. Kew
vjs. viij*d*. for y^e furst year.

¹ Pall.² Commissioners; a new entry.³ New entry.

⁴ Priest. Probably entrusted to him for outlay on the Chapel. His own salary was not above xxxs. One ton, ten cwt. of lead are bought this year. In 1543-4 two sums, £v vs., and xxxs., are paid to him besides his wages.

⁵ "Above mere": a description of their whereabouts in the common field, which was divided by grass strips called "meres."

⁶ In a later hand.⁷ Wardens in 1543-4.⁸ Later hand.

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J.H.S. A.D. m.cccccc.xxxxiii[iv].

JOHN STRETYNG AND WILLIAM KEW, WARDENS.

Balance from Irys and Partrych £xix vs. ijd.

[Note added at the next audit, to the effect that only £xv being transferred in cash to Wardens Stretyng and Kew, the parishioners deem it due to make allowance in case of certain debts (specified) not being paid.]

RECEIPTS.

[Nothing unusual]. Total. £xxx ijs. vjd.

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EXPENSES.

Paid to the prist for hys wages	xvs.
„ to y ^e sayd prist	xxs.
„ to a browder for makyng a pere of vestments, and for a pelow	vs.
„ for whyte fusteen, ¹ and for canvase to y ^e sayd pelowe	viijd.
„ for xxx powndes of wax	xvs. xd.
„ to the prist	£v vs.
„ to iij mynstrells	xiijs. viijd.
„ for mowyng the yew ²	ijs. iiijd.
„ for naylys at Danys yere ³	iijd.

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Paid for v score powndes of wax and rosen	xljs. viijd.
„ for ij bokes for owr professyon ⁴	viijd.
„ for makyng of ij corporas	xd.
„ for rydyng to Pennysford	vjd.
„ to the Kyngs collectors	viijjs.
„ for makyng a byll of the subsyde	xvjd.
„ for makyng a byll of the corne ⁵	ijd.
Total	£xxvij viijs. vjd.

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J. COLMAN AND THOMAS DUN, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Stretyng and Kewe £xiiij xiijs.

[One bequest, three Ales, no lyings in Church, and no rents from the Church House.]

Reseyvd from Thomas Don for a surplesse	xvjd.
„ for the font taper	vjs.
„ by the same Wardens for the Kyngs bere this present yere	xxxiijs. iiijd.
Total	£xxvij viijs. vjd.

¹ Fustian.

² The banks of the Yeo, or main drain.

³ Sluice.

⁴ A new entry. *Qy.*, was this "The Institution of a Christian Man," issued in 1537, or "A Necessary Doctrine and Erudition for any Christian Man," published this year 1543, and known as "The King's Book."

⁵ Corn grown on the mortgaged lands.

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Paid to Syr John Danell in ernes	j <i>d</i> .
„ to y ^e sayd Syr John	x <i>s</i> .
„ to y ^e plumber for castyng of a peysse ¹ and ij clothes ² of led	v <i>j</i> <i>d</i> .
„ to John Vigour, constabull, for y ^e whyte cootes	£iij

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Paid to Syr Danyell	xv <i>s</i> .
„ to y ^e sayd Syr John	x <i>s</i> .
„ to y ^e same Syr John Danyell for the subside makyng	vii <i>j</i> <i>d</i> .
„ to y ^e same for makyng a byll of the subside	vii <i>j</i> <i>d</i> .
„ to Syr Jo. Danell for hys wages ³	xxv <i>s</i> .
„ for rydyng to Charleton at y ^e vysytation	vii <i>j</i> <i>d</i> .
„ for mending a pax	j <i>d</i> .
„ to Syr John Danell	xiijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Total	£xviiij xijs. ix <i>d</i> .

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A supplementary account of “chargys of y^e Kyngs bere.”

[Showing the unprecedented scale of the Revel.] £iij viijs. viij*d*.

Grand Total of the year £xxij xvij*d*.

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W. KNYGHT AND W. HARRYS, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Dun and Coleman	£v vijs.
of John Irysse for that Robart Fesse was suspectyd for the suretyshepe of John Wakelyn, wych was delyveryd to Matthew Toore	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
of Wyllyam Tyrry for his mothers lyeng in y ^e Chyrch	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
of W. Dale for his mothers lyeng in the chapell	iijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
of Jone Beme for her husbands lyeng in church	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
of the bequest of Thomas Tayler	xx <i>d</i> .
of hys sayd bequest lykewyse to the chapell	xx <i>d</i> .
of Thomas Dun and John Colman ⁵ more, for that John Irys payd Syr John Danyell when he made defawte in service of Yatton and went to Comesbury at John Iryse desyr	iijs. viij <i>d</i> .
of Thomas Wale for hys Whytmothers ⁶ lyeng in the church	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
for our taverne Ale at Whytsondey	£iiij xiijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
for the font taper	vjs.
for vij owncys and an halfe of ryngs, with ij gyrdyls, and a pynnacull of the beste crosse ⁷	xxx <i>s</i> .

¹ Weight.

² Sheets.

³ Was he the Chapel Priest?

⁴ The missing year 1545-6 has been cut out between pp. 28-29.

⁵ Late Wardens.

Godmother?

⁷ These long-standing heirlooms at last sold.

of parker for brewyng in the church howse	xijd.
for wax of the reele	ixd.
of J. Beks for brewyng in the church howse	xijd.
of John Rome for brewyng ¹	xijd.
of Thomas Knyth and Robert Symys lyzthmen of y ^e wester part	£iij xs.
of J. Hylman and J. Tayler lythmen of y ^e ester part	£vj xs.
Summa receptus	£xx xixs. ijd.

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EXPENSES.

Paid for a skene of sylke to mend the second cope	ijd.
„ for iij yards of sylke of ij peny brede ² to mend y ^e second cope	vjd.
„ to the subysde	iijs.
„ to Syr J. Danyell for hys wages	vjs. viijd.
„ to the same	xs.
„ for the sayd sowdears	xvs.
„ for reparation of the clocke all the yere	xijd.
[cost of wax this year]	xxs. vjd.
„ in expenses for goyng to y ^e Kyngs vysytors	iiijd.
„ to Syr Cristover of Kynston at y ^e vysytation for making a byll	ijd.

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Paid for a locke and key to the font	vd.
„ for a showle to make graves in the church hey	ijd.
„ for whyte ynochull ³ to make amyss	jd.
„ to R. Wylimet, mynstrell, at Wyttsonlyde	vjs. viijd.
„ for wax for Crystymas	xxvs.

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Paid to J. Meryfeld for mendyng the wold crosse	iijd.
„ to Jone Beme for mendyng an awter cloth	ijd.

[Allowance for sundry bad debts.]

Total £xij ijs.

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J. HANNAM AND ALEXANDER HARRYS, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Knyght and Harrys	£viiij xvs. ix d.
Our taverne Ale at Wysontyde	£v xxd.
of the west part M. Irys and J. Stretyng the elder for y ^e taverne at Hocday	£v xijd.
of J. Gernesse and John . . . for ther taverne Ale at Mydsomer	lvjs. iiijd.
Total	£xxiiij ijs.

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Paid for setting furthe sowders ⁴	xijs.
„ for setting furthe sowdears	xxxs. ix d. ob.

¹ In the Church-house.

² Breadth.

³ See p. 155, note 1.

⁴ Soldiers.

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Payd for the Omelys and the injuncsions	ijs.
„ in expenses for fechyng the sayd books	iiij <i>℥</i> .
[other expenses, wax, minstrells, subsidy, visitation, scouring the Yeo, and repairs as usual].	
Payd at Bedmynster at the Kyngs vysytation	iiij <i>℥</i> .
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Payd in expenses at y ^e takyng down of the seyd images and the yryn in the church .	v <i>℥</i> .
„ to W. Sensam and J. Stretyng for takyng down the same sayd iryne and images	xij <i>℥</i> .
„ expenses at Chew at y ^e vysytation, and for a byll makyng	v <i>℥</i> .
Total	£vj xviijs.

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T. HOBBS AND JOHN TAYLER, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Hannam and Harrys	£xvij iij <i>℥</i> s. vij <i>℥</i> .
[accruing chiefly from sales of material no longer needed.]	
[The Lily pots had probably stood on the roodloft by the side of the Magdalen.	
Thomas Wale had probably bought articles which the Wardens did not like to	
specify. The Ales and other sources of voluntary revenue were dried up.]	
[One bequest of a bushel of wheat, several sums for iron sold.]	
of C. Predy for ij lyly potts with pewter	ijs.
of Thomas Wale	£iiij
[No ales or other usual receipts.]	
Total	£xxiiij ix <i>℥</i> s. ob.

Thys yere the sylver crosse of owr church was sold by Master Kenne and xx of y^e honest of y^e parych of Yatton, and by there lyke assent the money of the sayd crosse was bestowyd by y^e hands of Wylliam Cradock and Wylliam Croke upon y^e makyng of a sirten sklusse¹ or yere agenste the rage of y^e salte water, callyd Danys yere, set and beyng yn West Wemerham, the wych yere then beyng ruynus and yn decay, and the seyd perysheonars beyng charged with the makyng thereof by the comysssynars sewards² upon y^e paye³ of £x to be made by y^e seyd perysshonars by a day serteyne, by y^e same comysssynars prefyyd⁴ as yn y^e comysssynars boks or decrees more playnly may apere.

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EXPENSES.⁵

Payd for takyng down our Lady in y ^e chaunsell	iiij <i>℥</i> .
„ for makyng and settyng in an yryn in y ^e pulpytt	vij <i>℥</i> .
„ to the clarke for makyng the church buke, and for makyng up the vestments of the church	ijs.

¹ A certain sluice.² Commissioners of Sewers.³ Pain.⁴ Prefixed or provided.⁵ Great changes; e.g., no outlay on wax, or lamps, or vestments; but the first item of poor relief, 14 men appears.

Payd to y^e poore men of y^e parysch, xiiij names, each receiving xij*d*.

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Payd to Syr Nicholas Poore for caryeng out of y^e commyssyon iiij*d*.

„ for makyng a byll to y^e kyngs commyssyoners at Bedmynster viij*d*.

„ to W. Sensam and John Maryfyld for takyng down the clothes on¹ the Chapell iiij*s*. viij*d*.

„ for rydyng to Wells afore the Kyngs visitarrs ii*s*. ix*d*.

„ for a bucke callyd paraphrasus and Erasmus x*s*. iiij*d*.

„ for a bybull of the largyst volume x*s*.

„ for y^e sowders² at Banwell at y^e muster x*s*. iiij*d*.

„ to y^e peynter of Brystow³ in part of payment x*s*.

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more to y^e seyde peynter xi*s*. viij*d*. and xliij*s*.

„ to Syr Nicholas Poore for wrytyng y^e masse in Englych viij*d*.

„ payd to y^e peynter £^v

Total £^{xv} xvij*s*. x*d*.

Balance £^{viiij} x*s*. ij*d*.

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[Note in an early hand.]

“An yll dede done. Here was a yere cutt out, Wyllyam Dale, junior, and Thomas Durban beyng wardens, as apereth by this booke.”

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[Pages 48-53 are blank, except the above note and apparently some pages have been torn out.]

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THOS. SMYTH AND WALTER LUKYN, WARDENS.

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RECEIPTS.

Balance from Hobbys and Tayler £^{viiij} x*s*. ij*d*.

From y^e clarke of Henbere for gylt of Images xij*d*.

For a stone in y^e Chaunsell iiij*d*.

From W. Cradocke, for hys wyfe lying yn the Churche v*s*. viij*d*.

For our Taverne⁴ of Ale ls.

Of Rich. Stallard for Sett⁵ v*s*. viij*d*.

Total £^{xij} xxij*d*.

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EXPENSES.

At Axbridge afore ye Kyngs Vysytars viij*s*. viij*d*.

For makyng y^e Font taper j*d*.

¹ Or “over.”

² Soldiers.

³ I.e., for painting out proscrib'd things. The large sum below

of £^v looks like the substitution of Texts.

⁴ Only one.

⁵ I.e., a single sitting, rented.

For rydyng to Wells for y ^e Chapell ¹	ijs.
„ mending a rochett	j ^d .
„ caryng boke to Wells ²	iijs.
„ making of byll at Wells	iijs. iiij ^d .
To Syr John Smyth for y ^e injunctions	iiij ^d .
„ sayd Syr John for making a byll	ij ^d .
„ making a byll at Bedmynster	iiij ^d .
„ a tabull-bord	iijs. iiij ^d .
in expenses at Axbryge for y ^e Churche goods	x ^d .
for dressyng y ^e Auters, ³ and caryeng out of y ^e churche	vjs. x ^d .
for a byll to y ^e subside	iiij ^d .
to W. Croke for hys reward and paynys abowte y ^e making of y ^e newe yere, ⁴ as hit was agred at y ^e last acownt	vs.
Total	xlijs. iiij ^d .
Balance	£vij vjs. iiij ^d .

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J. LOVELL AND J. WYLLYNG, WARDENS.

The Wardens received from the old wardens, Dale and Durban, 1550-1, a balance of	£vij vjs. iiij ^d .
Whereof there most be allowyd for y ^e fall of y ^e money ⁵ in y ^e same year	£iiij vjs. iiij ^d .
And so remaineth clear	£iiiiij

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RECEIPTS.⁶

of J. Smythe for iiij platters of wood	ij ^d .
of Jordan for a scheste ⁷	xvj ^d .
of M. Irysche for stonnes, y ^e which laye behynde y ^e tombe	xvj ^d .
of Gellys ⁸ Jordan for y ^e churche howsce and yeres rentt	vjs. viij ^d .
Summa	£iiiiij ix. vj ^d .
Summa totalis of Reseptts ⁹ commythe unto y ^e sum	£vij xvs. x ^d .

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EXPENSES.

Paid for foldyng the vestements	xij ^d .
„ for mending ij pere of westements and y ^e surpelascy	xij ^d .

¹ Edward VI's Chantry Commissioners report that the inhabitants of Yatton made suit to buy the Chapel [of Clareham] to make therewith a "siluse" against the rage of the sea, for the safeguard of the country. The suit was in vain. The endowment lands yielding xlvijjs. viij^d. per ann. net, are scheduled in the report as annexed to the Crown. The Incumbent was a scholar of 18, and therefore unable to do duty. His predecessor is described as a "Scholar" also. The Chapel had probably been closed for some time [see Vol II, Som. Rec. Soc., pp. 88, 269]; the benefice treated as a sinecure.

² Visitation, prob.³ Altars.⁴ Sluice.⁵ I.e., fall in the value of the currency.⁶ All items transcribed.⁷ Chest.⁸ Giles.⁹ I.e., reckoning them at the old value of the currency.

[A leaf lost, and with it the end of the 1551-2 account, and the receipts of 1552-3, Wale and Tayler.]

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[Headed.]

Payd by me Thomas Wale.

to T. Carpyter for makyng y ^e tabull in y ^e chansell	ijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
for leggs to the tabull	vii <i>d</i> .
unto John Dale for makyng y ^e Inventorie when whe aperyd before y ^e Kyng Com-	
missiners	v <i>d</i> .
unto Syr John for facchyngg ¹ the precepte	ij <i>d</i> .

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for a boke for the Communion	iijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Total	xxxvijs.

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W. ROKE AND EDMOND CADMAN, WARDENS.

[No accounts in this page.]

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RECEIPTS.³

of J. Let for y ^e cuttyng of y ^e sege endes ⁴	ij <i>d</i> .
of J. Let for the wood	xiiij <i>d</i> .
of Syr John Smythe, parson of Weston, for an old pott	ijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
of hym for an old tryndell	v <i>d</i> .
the last day of May of John Meryfeld for ij hundreth weight of brasse of olde candel-	
sticks	xxxij <i>s</i> .
of Giles Jardyn for y ^e church howse.	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
Total	£ix xiijs.

Jesus give us grace.

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EXPENSES.

Payd unto Thomas Brodmere for keepyng of y ^e bells y ^e x daye of Februarii	xij <i>d</i> .
„ for bred and wyne from Alhowmas to crestymas, to Syr John Smyth	ijs.
„ for bred and wyne the fryst Sonday in lantt	iiij <i>d</i> .
„ for wyne y ^e ij Sondaye in lantt	v <i>d</i> .
„ for pavyng y ^e place where y ^e table standythe	vii <i>d</i> .
„ to Jhon Owyns and Jhon Cooke cotthyng ⁶ of y ^e Seyggs, and makyng of y ^e same	
and the forms	ijs. viij <i>d</i> .
„ for y ^e matt for y ^e tabull	x <i>d</i> .
„ for wyne in y ^e weke unto Syr Jhon	j <i>d</i> .
„ for wyne in y ^e weke unto Syr Jhon	j <i>d</i> .

¹ Fetching.

² Headed "payd by me Willm. Taylor."

³ Items all given.

⁴ Does this mean that the carving of some seat-ends was sold? N.B. Income wholly from sales, save rent of Church-house, now let as a dwelling.

⁵ Cutting.

Payd a pan ¹ the Sondag for wyne	iiij <i>d.</i>
„ unto Jhon Lett for y ^e fryngge abowthe y ^e tabull	iiij <i>d.</i>
„ for y ^e Church howse rent	iiij <i>d.</i>

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Payd for dressheng y ^e powdere unto a bowderer ²	v <i>d.</i>
„ for wyne aster ³	vs. iiij <i>d.</i>
„ unto Thomas Hariss all y ^e Lent and yens ⁴ Ester for y ^e communion breyde at y ^e same tyme	iiij <i>d.</i>
„ to T. Harris for bred for y ^e communion after to Midsomer	ii <i>d.</i> ob.
„ for wyne for y ^e communion to y ^e xiiij day of June	vii <i>d.</i>
„ for wyne for y ^e communion to y ^e viij day of Julye	vii <i>d.</i>
„ to y ^e ryngers at y ^e proclamation of our soverayn lady quene Marie	v <i>d.</i>
„ the xxix day of Julye for wyne for y ^e communion	v <i>d.</i>
„ for communion bred betwext Mydsomer and holy Rode day	ix <i>d.</i>
„ for candles at Chrysmas	ii <i>d.</i>
„ for lyght a visityng ⁵	j <i>d.</i>
Total	£xlvijs. v <i>d.</i>

THE POYNTYNG OF THE SPYRE.

The tablyng vs., and for naylys	vii <i>d.</i>
„ expense in setting up y ^e tablyng	v <i>d.</i>
„ for makyng of y ^e cradle	vii <i>d.</i>
[and some small items.]	

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THE BUYLDYNG OF THE AULTER.

It. to y ^e masons	viijs.
„ to y ^e other ij worke men	ijs.
„ for lyme	xij <i>d.</i>
„ to Thomas Clarke	v <i>d.</i>
„ in expenses	xd.
Summa	xij <i>s.</i> iiij <i>d.</i>

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A.D. m.cccccc.lviii[v], Januarie xvij.

J. AVERY AND T. GAY, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Roke and Cadman	viijs. xd.
Item receaved of Rychard Stallard xs. upon condition that yf y ^e parysh do not stand to there promyse he wyll pay y ^e other xs.	

¹ Upon.² Dressing the border, to an embroiderer.³ Easter.⁴ Against.⁵ Candle carried in visitation of sick.

Item of Geyles Jurdayne in earnest for y ^e church howse	j <i>d</i> .
„ of y ^e bells for Syr Roberts brother	iiij <i>d</i> .
„ of Rychard Rome and Wyllyam Bell beyng ly3th men of y ^e eyst partte	xxs.
„ of Rychard Rome and Wyllyam Bell beyng ly3th men of y ^e eyst partte	xxiijs. viij <i>d</i> .
„ of Jhon Hortte and Mathu Irys ly3th men of y ^e weste partte	xls.
„ of Jhon Cradocke of Cleve for leying hys wyffe in y ^e churche	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
„ of Thomas Warre of cleve in full payment of all ys detts unto y ^e church	xiijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
„ of Thomas Dorre and Jhon Kormer of cleve	vijs. xj <i>d</i> .
„ of Mathew Ireyshe and Jhon Hortte in full payment of there yere	£v xs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Summa totalis	£xij ijs. iiij <i>d</i> .

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EXPENSES.

For makynge of a byll owt of y ^e gatheryng booke, of the names of them that were unpaid	ij <i>d</i> .
for a quere of paper	iiij <i>d</i> .
to Thomas Lett for foldyng y ^e vestments	xd. ob.
to T. Brodmere for kepyng the bells	iijs.
for a processyonal	ijs. vj <i>d</i> .
for makynge of y ^e sepulcre	vij <i>d</i> . ob.
for iij Banner luggs	vj <i>d</i> .
for wax makynge agaynst Ester	vijs. viij <i>d</i> .
for a missall	xvjs.
for a manwell	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
in expenses sekyng y ^e seid books	vij <i>d</i> .
for a sacryn bell	iiij <i>d</i> .
for an olle fatte and an olle boxke ¹	vj <i>d</i> .
for a cytte, ² and y ^e makynge of a post	iijs. vd.
for y ^e fychyng ³ up of y ^e fre stonne, and settinge of the poste, to T. Meke, and in expenses	vij <i>d</i> .
for dekyng ⁴ wythoutt y ^e new yere, ⁵ to Hurdyche and Tedboll with theyr felous	vijs.

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for a holle ⁶ portas	xxs.
for a censer and a paxys ⁷	
for y ^e hoppyng ⁸ to Mathew . . . for y ^e church vessels	ijs. viij <i>d</i> .
for bollys, cuppys, and platters, trenchers	xij <i>d</i> .
to Rychard Partryge for naylys and y ^e makynge of y ^e yron that ys sette ower y ^e auter	xd.
for naylys for y ^e wells ⁹	vij <i>d</i> .
for expensys at y ^e makynge of y ^e wellys	ijs. viij <i>d</i> .
for y ^e nette clothe ower y ^e pyxe	xviij <i>d</i> .
for a new corporas clothe	xxiiij <i>d</i> .
for a key for y ^e cheste	vij <i>d</i> .

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for iij hundrye tylle fette at Naysey, ¹⁰ to R. Freman	iijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
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¹ An oil vat and an oil box.

² Seat.

³ Fetching.

⁴ Dyking.

⁵ Sluice.

⁶ Whole.

⁷ Pax.

⁸ Hooping.

⁹ Wheels.

¹⁰ 400 tiles fetched at Nailsea.

[other expenses about this and lime.]

to Lache the tyler for y ^e hellynge ¹ of y ^e church, and hellynge of the owen	vjs. xd.
to Jhon Brofort for y ^e fetthyng of rafters and tymber to y ^e sterrs ²	
to T. Broudmore for mendyng of a Bradere ³	xd.
to J. Lette for kepyng of y ^e cloke	iijs.
to W. Knyghte rent for y ^e Church howse	iiijd.
demysseys ⁴ of the cortte	iijd.

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unto Syr Jhon Smyth for thei men the whych dyd the pennans ⁵ unto offal ⁶ for a letter, y ^e whych was ryd ⁷ in y ^e Church	ijd.
the demysseys ⁸ of y ^e corte for y ^e men that where putt in there	iijd.
for a punde of candells agens Crestemas	iijd.
for franckenserse	jd.
for tassells for y ^e pyxk	ijd.
for makyng y ^e boke unto Syr Jhon Smyth	ijs.
to T. Lette for foldyng the festements	ijs.

Summa Totalis £viijs. iiijd. ob.

So remaneth of thys account £iij xvs. xjd. ob., and also y^e somme xxvjs. ix^d., that
 whe hath gederyd of serten of y^e paryshe, the whych were to paye in a boke⁹ made
 by y^e assent of y^e a fore sayd paryshe. So y^e somme total that remaneth to y^e
 new wardens £v ijs. viij^d. ob.

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[Lists of names.]

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T. KNYGHT AND T. ROMME, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Avery and Gaye	£v ijs. viij ^d .
[Some arrears paid; one for lying in the chapel; two sums paid for burying in the Church.]	
of the font taper	vs. iiij ^d .
of Jhon Brodfortt for a peyse of a haffe, ¹⁰ and for ther over plus for mendyng of the Church howse dore of ther kycchyng ¹¹	vij ^d .
the lythemen of y ^e wester syde	£viijs. iiij ^d .
the lythemen of y ^e ester syde	£v xjd.
Total	£xx vs.

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Payd unto Wyllyam Taylor that he payd for the crosse	xxs.
„ Wyllyam Dale „ „ „	xxs.

¹ Tiling.² Stairs. “Repairs to the Church-house stairs” is a common entry.³ Brand-iron.⁴ Demissions, i.e., relaxation of sentence in spiritual court.⁶ Penance.⁶ The official.⁷ Read.⁸ By charging these costs to y^e parish, it is plain that the Wardens made presentment of the offenders.⁹ The Rate-book, as yet voluntary, is now first seen.¹⁰ ?¹¹ Kitchen.

Payd unto John Hanna that he payd for the crosse	xxs.
„ for a porse ¹ to put y ^e keyes in	ij <i>d</i> .
„ for mendyng of y ^e fayle ²	j <i>d</i> .
„ a lyne for y ^e vayle	iiij <i>d</i> .
„ for iij cloths ³ staffyng ³ y ^e which y ^e Scryptours where wrytten in and upon	vj <i>d</i> .
„ for ij proclamations concernyng the oon for reconciliation of y ^e people, y ^e other for y ^e bulls of y ^e pope of Rome, y ^e wych was reade in cena domini ⁴	vj <i>d</i> .
„ for ix poundes of wax and a quarter agenste Ester	ixs. iiij <i>d</i> .
„ for iij yards of lynyen cloth y ^e same tyme for y ^e Rode	ijs.
„ for lyme and charyche ⁵ unto J. Brodmore for y ^e Church of Yatton	ijs.
„ for wassyng of y ^e churche pollyng	xd.

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Payd for y ^e Rode clothe, the parysse for peinthyng	vs.
„ for halfe a ponde of frenkensesse	vd.
„ for y ^e clarks wagg ⁶	ijs.
„ for walls ⁷ for y ^e Rode clothe	ij <i>d</i> .
„ for y ^e lokyng ⁸ of y ^e boke at visitation	iiij <i>d</i> .
„ for mendyng y ^e kechyng dore of y ^e church howse	iiij <i>d</i> .
„ to W. Daye, senior, for y ^e pyxe and palle cloth for y ^e same	xxs. viij <i>d</i> .
„ unto Mathew Ireyshe for the Crosse	xxs.
„ expenses at y ^e countes day ⁹	

[Mowing the yeo is an annual Entry.]

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Payd for going unto Wells garing ¹⁰ the boks, expenses	ij <i>d</i> .
„ for chandells goyng a Wysythyng, ¹¹ unto Syr John Smythe	iiij <i>d</i> .
„ expenses for y ^e fatchyng y ^e paynted cloth at Brystow	xij <i>d</i> .
„ for payntyng of y ^e clothe of y ^e hye autour	viij <i>d</i> .
„ for wax unto Syr John Smythe for goyng a visityng	j <i>d</i> .
„ unto Syr John Smythe and y ^e towe ¹² churchwardens for ever lowkyng up y ^e Church boks, expenses at owre brekefaste at y ^e same tyme	viij <i>d</i> .
„ unto Wyllyam Cradocke for the Crosse	xxs.
„ unto Menstrells at Wyttsundaye	vs.
„ unto Syr John Smythe for makyng y ^e boke ¹³	ijs.
„ unto Henry Wornall for y ^e Crosse	xxs.

[And many repairs to bells, &c.]

Total £xij ix*s*. ix*d*.

¹ Purse.

² Veil.

³ ?? both words obscure.

⁴ On Maundy Thursday.

⁵ Carriage.

⁶ Wages.

⁷ Qy., nails?

⁸ Inspection.

⁹ Audit-day.

¹⁰ Carrying.

¹¹ Candles used in going to visit the sick.

¹² Two.

¹³ I.e., this account.

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T. WORNELL AND T. WARRE, WARDENS.

Balance from Knyght and Rome £vij xvjs.

RECEIPTS.

for thei fontte tapur vs. iiij*d*.
 of Jhon Stabulchylde bequest vjs. viij*d*.

[No more entries; the page which was left blank for them has been partly cut off.]

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Paid for glassyng of y^e Church, to Averie of Brystow xxxjs. viij*d*.
 „ at y^e visitation of y^e Archbyssshoppe of Canturburie at Penford vjs. x*d*.
 „ for candells for goyng a visityng j*d*.

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Paid for bred and wyne at Myssommor,¹ ij quarts of claret wyne, and a quarter againe
 of sacke iiij*s*. xj*d*.
 „ for candells at myssumor to Syr John Smyth j*d*.
 „ unto Syr John Smyth for candells goyng a visithyng before My³gheallmass j*d*.
 „ for a pound of candells for the rengars² iiij*d*.
 „ at Bedmastur³ at y^e visitation, expenses x*x**d*.

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Paid for makyng of thei tabernaculle xxvjs. viij*d*.
 „ for thei loeke and the gemmulls⁴ xij*d*.
 „ for ole⁵ for thei lampe xj*d*.
 „ for thei lampe iiij*d*.
 „ for wyre for thei lamp j*d*.
 „ for candells upon Crestemas daye iiij*d*.
 „ owr expenses for goyng unto Banwell unto my Lorde byssshoppe to axe his
 counsell for thei tabernacull ix*d*.
 „ for candells for goyng a visityng j*d*.
 „ for mendyng and mowyng of the yowe⁶ from Chramore gowtte unto the yer
 be . . . ? xij*d*.

Total £vij xvs. xj*d*.¹ Midsummer.² Ringers.³ Bedminster.⁴ Hinges.⁵ Oil.⁶ Yeo.

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J. HORT AND J. STRECHYNG, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Wornall and Warre	£xij xiijs. xjd.
Receved of Robert Wyllatt of money that he gave to owre chorche whan hys wyfe wos I buried ¹	iijs. iiijd.
„ of money that we gathered for the vawnte tabor ²	iijs. iiijd.
„ of Wylliam Croke for tabors ³ whan hys wyfe wos I byrved	iiijd.
„ made of a taverne	£iij
Summa	£xvj xjd.

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Paid for the demission of the Cortte at Bedmaster	ijd.
„ at the visitation at Bedmyster	xijd.
„ for the Rode making	xiijs. iiijd.
„ for sprycks and nayls and the setting up of the same	xijd.

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expenses for casting the little bell	
*Paid to Thomas Carpenter for making of the middle flore	xiijs. iiijd.
„ to Thomas Lett ⁴	xjd.
„ to Isbell Taylor for the keyng of Thomas Lett	iiijd.
„ to Jone Brodford for stryckng of the church	ijd.
„ to John Hatheway for making clene of the tresore howse	iijd.
„ to the Mynstrell	vjs. viijd.
„ to Edmont Badmans buoye for wachynge of the oxen the nyght before they went to Brystowe	jd.
„ to owre dynner at W. Tyrryes att the mendyng of the myddle flore ⁶	xvd.
„ to Thomas Lett for to helpe hym when he was up walkyng	jd.

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Paid to Thomas Lett of that whyche the parysshe dyd award hym	xs.
„ to Syr Tomas for making the bocke to gather ⁷ to sette for the sodwdyars ⁸	vjd.
„ to Thomas Erle for wrytyng of the mowster ⁹ byll	iiijd.
Total	£x ob.

¹ Buried ; the I representing the Anglo-Saxon prefix of the participle past.

² Font taper.

³ Tapers.

⁴ A Scrivener's hand here begins, marred with flourishes : but henceforth the year's accounts are balanced in due form, and with the formula, "all things charged and discharged."

⁵ The Clerk, now disabled.

⁶ Opened for lifting the bell to the cage in Belfry.

⁷ A collecting list. ⁸ A special collection for their equipment.

⁹ Muster.

A.D. 1558 y^e xxvj daye of February [1558-9.]

MATHEW IRYSCHE AND W. HURDWYCHE, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from J. Hort and J. Stretchyng	£vj xjd.
of Wyllyam Worthe for the lyche-reste ¹ of Jone his wyf	vjs. viijd.
of John Cradocke for the lyche-reste of John Cradocke his father	vjs. viijd.
of John Hort for the lyche-reste of Alice his wyf	vjs. viijd.
for the lyche-reste of Wyllyam Cradocke	vjs. viijd.
of the lyghte men of the west parte	£vij xiijs. iiijd.
of the lyghte men of the est parte	£iij ijs. xd.

[No bequests, or gifts, or Wardens' Ale.]

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Payde for the mendyng the blewe cope and ij surplissis	viijd.
„ to W. Knyghts wyfe for healyng of Thomas Letts legge, whiche was dewe to be payde by J. Hort and J. Streathyng	
„ to J. Brodmore for wasshyng the Roodelofte in our yere	xvjd.
„ towards Aveye for rearyng of a tombstone	ijjd.
„ to J. Hatheway for v keyes and a hapse and naylis to sett the locke one	ijs.
„ for a locke for the vyce dore	ijjd.
„ for makyng the subsidye byll	vjd.
„ at the vysytation for the continewance of Marye ² and John	iiijd.
„ for mendyng the chetyll and the holye water pott	xijd.

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Payde for whyt ynkle for y ^e booke	ob.
„ to the organ maker	xxs.
„ for Dychinge—the parishe worke in ye Yo ³	xvjd. and xijd.
„ for doyng y ^e Lordes ⁴ worke ye Yo	vs.
„ to T. Lette for foldyng the vestments for iij quarters of a yere	xxiijd.
„ for v yards of dowlas to make a surples for the clarke	iijs. ij.
„ for candells at All Halomtyde and Crystmas	iiijd.
„ for a booke of the proresssyon ⁵ in English	ij.
„ for makyng of ij muster bylls	xijd.

¹ This new phrase seems the equivalent of the older one “lying in the Church,” *i.e.*, the privilege of burial under the pavement. See Glossary.

² Queen Mary died Nov. 17, 1558. The restored images of the Roodloft were again threatened, but a year's respite was obtained. See 1559-60.

³ Yeo.

⁴ Lord of the Manor.

⁵ Litany.

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A.D. 1559, the 23 of February.

JOHN WAULE AND R. SYMES, WARDENS.

Balance from Irysche and Hurdwyche	£xj ixs. iij ^d .
Debts due to y ^e Church.	
Four lyche-restes at	vjs. viij ^d . each.
[No Receipts.]	

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Payde for iij yards of dowlas, and iij yards of canvas, for to make ij cotes of fence ¹	iijs. vj ^d .
„ for makynge the same ij cotes	vijs.
„ for candells to go a vysytynge	j ^d .
„ for half a pound of frankencence	j ^d . ob.
„ for a pounce of threde to make the cotes above wrytten	xxd.
„ that there ys uppon the inventory of the church goodys iij tabul clothys of the which one was occupied to put in the forsaid cotes.	
„ for vij pounds of waxe	vjs. j ^d .
„ for mending a tombe and certain other places in the Church	iiij ^d .
„ to the mynstrell	xs.
„ for bowles and dyshes	ijs. iij ^d .
„ for ij salters ²	iijs. iiij ^d .
„ to Morris Dall, at the request of John Sannom and other of the paryssioners in his syckness.	xij ^d .
„ for takynge downe the Roode	vd.
„ in expenses at the plucking down of the Images	vj ^d .
„ for foldynge the vestments	ijs.
„ for makynge a dore to the newe yere ³	vs. viij ^d .

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Payde for the boke of common prayer	vs.
„ for the tabull and the formes for the Communion	vjs.
„ expenses at Recl ⁴ at the vysytation	iijs. viij ^d .
„ for makynge of our byll ⁵ there	xxd.
„ for makynge the inventory of the church goods and for other charges at the delivry of the same at Brystow ⁶	vs.
„ at Brystow ⁶ at the vysytation	viij ^d .
„ for a booke of the injuccions ⁷	iiij ^d .
„ for drawynge the kopye of the bryfes ⁸ of the statutes	xij ^d .
„ for mending the tabul cloth in the church, and a surples	iiij ^d .
Total	£vj xxijs. iij ^d .

¹ *I.e.*, of presentments. ² Psalters in English. ³ Sluice. ⁴ Redcliffe. ⁵ *I.e.*, of presentments. ⁶ *I.e.*, at St. Mary's, Redcliffe, then within the diocese, and giving name to the Deanery. ⁷ Injunctions. ⁸ Abridgements probably of the Elizabethan Acts A^o. 1^o.

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A.D. 1560, the v daye of February.

T. MORE AND J. WARRE, WARDENS.

Balance from Waule and Symes £xiiij xijs. xd.

RECEIPTS.

Five entries of lyche-restes at vjs. viij*d*. each
 for plate being sold by consent of the wardens. £xij xijs.
 of the lyght men of the west part £iiij vs. x*d*.
 „ „ „ east part lviij*s*. j*d*. ob.
 Allowed to Warden for the fall of money xiiij*s*.
 Total £xj xiiij*s*.

Byt remembred that thys yere was solde the sylver crosse, the accompte whereof
 remayneth in the hands of Thomas Wall and William Smethes.

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Payd to the clarke for kepyng the booke ijs.
 „ to the same clarke for foldyng the vestments ijs.
 „ for bred and wyne at Ester xijs.
 „ to the clarke for his wagis at our Ladye daye vjs. viij*d*.
 „ for takyng downe the alter ijs.
 „ for a tabull cloth of vj yards ijs. ij*d*.

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Payde for timber for the vawte of the church xiiij*s*. iiij*d*.
 „ for our expenses for mete and drynke, and for basting the ryng in whyt vijs.
 „ to Clevedon for makyng the ryng and the flowre, and other his workmanshepe
 xxxiiij*s*. iiij*d*.

Be it remembered that we provided to pay the clarke his part wagis, and to pay John
 Meryfelde for scowryng the harnes, xijs. viij*d*., and before the day came, the moneye
 fell, be meanes whereof we loste ijs. iiij*d*.

Payd for trimming and gresing the bells at Alhalontyde ij*d*.
 „ for synshyng the dore at the newe yere,¹ with all other charges therto belongyng xjs.
 „ for a glasse bottell to kepe wyne for the communion vjs. vj*d*.

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[Debts to the Church. No date.]

¹ Sluice.

Tintinhull:

Notes illustrative of MSS.



The Manor, with Advowson of rectory, was vested in the adjoining Priory (Cluniac) of Montacute. The parish, probably co-terminous with the manor contains 1,828 acres.

The Manor house of the Prior stood on the south side of Churchyard. He was probably the sole landowner.

The Benefice remained a rectory till 1520, when it was appropriated to Montacute Priory, charged with £10 for the Vicar's sustenance. The whole tithe valued at £18 nett, was thereby vested in the Priory, and was secularised at the dissolution in 1539.

The Church, whilst unchanged in ground plan, was being continually improved. The accounts record the addition of a rood-loft and rood, built on the breastwork of a previous stone screen, the rebuilding of the south Porch with stone roof, the raising of the tower with turret-staircase; the enlargement of the west window, the addition of carved-oak benches, and the building of a "stony door," *i.e.*, a door-case of stone in the west wall of Churchyard. The bells too were recast in 1539. All these changes were effected by the bounty of the people, unaided by any large gifts either from without or from their own landlord. There were several low altars, one dedicated to St. Nicolas.

FISCAL SYSTEM.

Two wardens were chosen yearly, either on Easter day, Palm Sunday, the Annunciation, or St. Margaret's, *i.e.*, the Dedication day, thus varying the length of the official year. Yearly accounts were as a rule rendered, even when the wardens were re-elected, which was not uncommon.

The funds accrued from (1) The Bakehouse (Pistrina); (2) The Brewhouse (Brasina); (3) (at later date) the Church house (Pandroatorium); (4) Some strips of land in the moor, sometimes cultivated for grain, sometimes let for lease; (5) live stock, *e.g.*, horned cattle, and bees; (6) Gifts, bequests, and special gatherings.

Of these sources, the Church-house, when completed in 1497, was the most fruitful. It combined the manifold purposes of entertainment, baking, malting, brewing. The Holy Loaf was baked there, the Holy Ale brewed there. There the parishioners were welcomed on certain Holy days after Divine Service, for some common amusements, during which their ale scot was levied. The allied parishes of Stoke, Montacute, and Chilthorne, sent their offerings in aid. The baking and brewing tackle were also let out for private hire, and a room or two sometimes let to tenants. The old bakehouse, when superseded, yielded a cottage rent.

The Lady-chapel and its special services were maintained by the Brotherhood of St. Mary, who also contributed sometimes to the Warden's funds, see 1437-8. In 1444-5 their steward bought 100 lbs. of lead from the Wardens.

The Hogglers were associated under a steward (procurator) to maintain a light.

The Warden's attendances at Visitations of Archdeacon, Bishop and Archbishop are unfailingly recorded, with the charge for the bearing of the banners into Ilchester. It seems to have been an honoured occasion, the officers marching with banners before them.

THE ACCOUNT BOOKS.

The following extracts are made from the first of two volumes of Church-Wardens' accounts, which were bound and so preserved by Mr. T. Napper in 1723, and are now in the keeping of J. Penny, Esq., Tintinhull.

A few of the earlier pages have been transcribed verbatim, with the view of showing in what manner the accounts were kept. After this, entries which recur annually or very frequently, are omitted as a rule; but occasionally they are inserted, or a note is added, to show that they are still going on. Also when any new item of receipt or expenditure appears, it is noticed.

The greater number of the entries refer only to small necessary repairs, or to annual expenses for the bells, the purchase of small quantities of wood or stone, &c. Items of this kind are omitted; the object of these extracts being to exhibit such original entries as will enable a student to work out a good idea of the general life of a country parish until about the year 1560.

They are written in Latin up to a later date than usual in country parishes, but the scribes claimed the utmost freedom in dealing with tenses and cases.

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I I-12 H. VI. [*i.e.*, A.D. 1433-4.]

Computus Willelmi Strecche et Johannis Aste, custodes bonorum ecclesie de Tyntenhull, a festo Pasche anno regis Henrici VI^{ti} XJ^{mo} usque eundem festum anno ejusdem regis XIJ^{mo}

Idem receperunt de arreragiis computi precedentis	ijs. viij ^d .
It. de collectione sacre ceree	iijs. v ^d .
It. de incremento unius brasine facte per Willelmum Strecche	vjs. viij ^d .
Summa	xijs. ix ^d .

E QUIBUS IN EXPENSIS.

In primis ad faciendum sacre ceree	iijs. x ^d .
Item pro visitatione	vj ^d .
It. ad ligandum unum ordinale	x ^d .
It. pro lavatione velaminum	j ^d .
It. pro oleo	j ^d .
It. pro una cordula	viij ^d .
It. pro uno pyxide latino [latten] ad ponendum Corpus Christi	xs. or x ^d .
It. solut. Johanni Capellano ad celebrandum pro animabus ceteri [<i>sic</i>] hominum ¹	viij ^d .
Summa omnium expensarum	xvjs. viij ^d .
Et sic excedit plus quam recepit	iijs. ix ^d .

A.D. 1434-5. 13-14 Hen. VI. a festo Pasche
Anno regis H. VI^{ti} XIIJ^o usque eundem festum
Anno ejusdem regis XIIIJ^o.

WILLIAM STRECCHES AND JOHN ANSTEYS, WARDENS.

Idem receperunt de collectione sacre ceree	iijs. iiij ^d .
It. ex dono Willelmi Morys	xxs.
It. de incremento unius brasine facte per W. Strecche	vjs. viij ^d .
It. pro candelis venditis	iiij ^d .
Summa	£iij ijs. x ^d . ij ^d .

IN EXPENSIS.

Ad fac sacre ceree	iijs. iiij ^d .
It. pro lavatione velaminum, et ad faciendum tapyr et trendel	iiij ^d .

¹ This entry, very varied in form, runs through the whole book. It is for the great Dirige or Anniversary in commemoration of all the benefactors of the Church [see A^o. 1443] who were entered on the bede-roll. "Ceteri" seems to be meant for "diversorum."

It. solut. pro iij ropys ad campanas	xvd.
It. pro correo ad campanas	ijd.
It. pro oleo pro clocke	jd.
It. ad emendandum unum sorplys	jd.
It. Thome Capellano pro dimidio anno ad celebrandum	xij <i>s.</i> iiij <i>d.</i>
It. ad faciendum librum computi	iiij <i>d.</i>
It. de arreragiis computi precedentis que parochiani fuerunt in debito custodorum [sic] pro anno predicto	iijs. ix <i>d.</i>
Summa	ix <i>s.</i> viij <i>d.</i>
Et debent de claro omnia sibi Allocat.	xx <i>s.</i> v <i>j.</i> <i>d.</i>

A.D. 1435-6. 14-15th H. VI. [From
Easter to Easter.]

W. STRECCHES AND JOHN ANSTEYS, WARDENS.

Inde receperunt de arreragiis computi precedentis	xxv <i>j.</i> <i>s.</i>
Idem de Isabella Houchyn	xiijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
It. de legatione uxoris Johannis Broune	iiij <i>d.</i>
It. de candelis venditis de Trendale	jd. ob.
It. de Willelmo Strecche vj bussellos brasie frumenti pretii	v <i>j.</i> <i>s.</i>

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It. de Johanne Aste pro j quatero brasie avenarum	ij <i>s.</i>
It. de Roberto Aste pro vj bussellis brasie avenarum	xvii <i>j.</i> <i>d.</i>
It. de Thoma Cole pro ij bussellis	v <i>j.</i> <i>d.</i>
It. de Thoma Cole pro vj bussellis	xvii <i>j.</i> <i>d.</i>
It. de Johanne Trent pro iiij bussellis	xij <i>d.</i>

[Eight more similar entries.]

It. pro quinque pecke de uxoribus datis, pretii	xd.
It. de Thoma capellano	xij <i>d.</i>
It. de venditione unius bovis	xij <i>d.</i>
It. de collectione sacre ceree	iijs. vd. ob.

Summa cum arreragiis computi precedentis £iiij ijs. xd.

IN EXPENSIS.

Ad faciendum sacre ceree et trendale	iijs. viij <i>d.</i>
It. pro lavatione velaminum et factura trendel et tapir	iiij <i>d.</i>
It. pro oleo pro clocke	jd.
It. pro uno skyppe [beehive]	iiij <i>d.</i>
It. pro uno lente clothe	xiiij <i>s.</i> ij <i>d.</i>
It. pro uno tapyr	xv <i>j.</i> <i>d.</i>
It. in expensis apud Wellys	viiij <i>d.</i>

It. solut. Johanni Davy ad faciendum muros circa cimiterium	xxd.
It solut. plomario	vjd.
Summa	xxiijs. iijd.
Et debet	xviijs. xd.

A.D. 1436-7. 14-15th H. VI.

W. STRECCH AND JOHN ANSTEYS, WARDENS.

It. Ex legatione Thome Broune	xxijd.
It. Ex legatione Thome Broune iiij busselles frumenti	iijs. iiijd.
It. de Johanne et aliis de Mertock pro transgressione facta tenentibus Tyntenhull in le mersh	iijs. iiijd.
It. pro uno bove tradito Johanni Helyer	ijs. vjd.
It. pro uno [sic] vacc tradito Johanni Smyth de Ashe eodem modo	ijs.
It. pro j vacc tradita J. Wylle eodem modo	xxd.

IN EXPENSIS.

It. pro lavatione mapparum.	
It. pro messore unius dimidii acri frumenti	vjd.
It. Thome capellano	viijd.
It. pro cloutyng lether pro iij ropys	xixd.
It. pro grece pro campanis	jd.
It. pro hamynge [hemming] pro auter clothys.	
It. J. Davy ad faciendum communem furnum	xxvjs. viijd.
It. diversis hominibus pro prandio	ijs. xd. ob.
It. pro visitatione	iijd.
It. pro uno capone	iijd.
It. pro labore de chalys, unde respec [?]	iiijd.
It. ad scribendum computum	jd.
Summa expensarum	xljs. vjd. ob.
Et debetur	xixs. iiijd. ob.

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A.D. 1437-8. 15-16 H. VI.

W. STRECH AND JOHN TRENTTE, WARDENS.

It. de tota parochia pro una cruce et calice de novo emptis, ut patet per parcelam Ecclesie in custod. custodum	xxxvjs. xd.
It. de incremento unius brasine [a church-ale] facte pro S. Margareta	vijs. viijd.
It. de incremento unius brasine cervisie facte pro S. Margareta per custodes predictos in anno proxime precedente tunc non computato	viijs.
It. de ligatione Johannis Aste pro domus pistrine faciendo et reparando hoc anno xxxiijs. iiijd.	
It. de ligatione Henrici Morys	vs.

It. de ligatione nuper uxoris Johannis Warwyke hoc anno	vjs.
It. de j vacca locata Johanni Smyth hoc anno	ijs.
It. de j pelle proveniente dicte vacce mo [rientis] hoc anno	xijd.
It. de incremento domus pistrine hoc anno per appraiam [obscure] custodum	xvijs. vjd.
It. de Willelmo Panday de bonis S. Marie hoc anno	vjs. viijd.
It. de candelis de le trendell hoc anno venditis diversis personis	vd.
Summa	£vj xjs. ix <i>d</i> .

IN EXPENSIS.

It. pro uno calice de novo empte per sacramentum computantum	xxxs.
It. pro una cruce de copre et aurata hoc anno per sacramentum dictorum computantum	xxjs.
It. pro emendandis iiij baudreyes campanarum	iijs. iiijd.

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It. mulieri locata pro lavatione vestimentorum altaris et pro les kecheves [kerchiefs] imagorum hoc anno	vjd.
It. pro smygma et brymston emptis ad idem	ijd.
It. domino Thome Brytell capellano ecclesie ibidem pro diversis obitibus	xijd.
It. pro vij lb. cere emptis pro uno cereo voc holy taper et le trendell hoc anno, una cum factura ejusdem	iijs. ij <i>d</i> . ob.
It. in expensis apud Yvelcestre die visitationis archidiaconi	vd.
It. pro domo pistrine hoc anno de novo facte, ut in arte carpentarii ex conventionem cum eo facta in grosso preter mensam suam	viijs.
It. solut. pro una mensa	xijd.
It. in diversis victualibus emptis pro hominibus venientibus cum eorum plaustris pro dicto mearemio cariendo	iijd.
It. pro mearemio supradicto empto ad idem	xijd.
It. pro emendatione fenestre veteris domus pistrine ex opposito le spere	vjd.
It. solut. uno homini pro dicto spere cum virgis vrydendis et desuper daubandis	iiijd.
It. uno homini locato pro le stubel vocato helmebought falcando hoc pro dicta domo pistrine cooperienda	ijd.
It. in dicto stramine empto	iiijd.
It. pro lapidibus emptis apud Stenteyate pro via in villa emendanda in diversis locis ubi indigebit	iijs. vd.
It. pro emendandis le pykeys hoc anno	iiijd.
It. in spire metendis ad idem	vj. ob.
It. uno homini pro dicta domo watillando per unum diem	vd.
It. solut. domino Priori pro annuo redditu dicte domus pistrine	vjd.
It. pro ij bobus emptis pro stauro ecclesie hoc anno, j pro xs. et alio pro ix <i>s</i> . x <i>d</i>	ix <i>s</i> . x <i>d</i> .
Et nota quod custodes debent de arreragiis xxxvijs. et unum bovem pretii xs.	
Summa	£v ix <i>s</i> . iijd.

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A.D. 1438-9. From Easter 16 H. VI., to Easter 17 H. VI., and from that date to S. Mary Magdalene's Day, *i.e.*, for five quarters and more.

JOHN TRENTÉ AND W. STRECCHÉ, WARDENS.

It. de redditu communis pistrine tradite Stephano Baker ad terminum trium annorum

vjs. viij*℥*.

[Receipts from the pistrina, from three legacies in money, and one of a green gown, from an Ale, and from the sale of an ox and a calf. A cow remains in stock and let to J. Somerton.]

IN EXPENSIS.

It. in una vacca cum uno vitulo emptis hoc anno xiijs.

It. pro ix bussellis frumenti emptis ad valenc : ecclesie ix*s*.It. in j hostio pro domo pistrine cum j pare de dornes [durns] iijs. iiij*℥*.It. in virgis emptis pro le Watilyng pistrine j*℥*.

It. pro j parcella de segg empt. pro coopertura pistrine simul cum le thetchhyng ad thascam ijs. v*℥*.

It. pro j ulmo prosternanda pro le Bakehouse [Privy] facienda j*℥*.It. in j trendale lignale empto de novo ijs. ix*℥*. ob.It. in iiij lb. cere emptis pro dicto trendale faciundo et le pascal taper ij*℥*.It. in emendatione oriscopii ville v*℥*.It. capellano pro certis memoracionibus in ecclesia xij*℥*.

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A.D. 1439-40. H. VII., 17th-18th. St. Mary Magd. to same feast.

JOHN TRENTÉ AND W. STRECCHÉ, WARDENS.

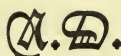
[Receipts include the usual Ale, the rent of the cow, a gift of iijs. iiij*℥*. from J. Aught, and Bakehouse rent.]

IN EXPENSIS.

It. pro vij lb. cere pro le pascal taper, et aliis cerulis ecclesie ad sepulcrum et alibi iijs. vij*℥*.It. in factura j pascal taper cum aliis cerulis ij*℥*.It. pro una corda empti ad le trendel iiij*℥*.It. pro certis memoracionibus Rectori¹ ecclesie xij*℥*.¹ Hitherto a Chaplain has been paid for this Anniversary Mass.

It. domino Priori de redditu domus pistrine	xiiij ^d .
It. pro j scala xiiij rongarum ¹ empta pro le belfray	xx ^d .
It. J. Stephano Baker pro custodia oriscopii in ecclesia	iijs. iiij ^d .

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 1440-1. 18-19 H. VI.

JOHN STACEY AND ROBERT ASTE, WARDENS.

RECEPT. BONOR.

It. de totis parochianis ibidem pro quatuor cereis prout plenius patet per parcelлам remanentem in custodia custodum predictorum xxxviijs. j^d.

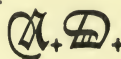
IN EXPENSIS.

It. pro xlvij libris cere emptis pro quatuor torticiis cereis de novo factis, prout patet	xxixs. iij ^d .
It. pro xliij libris de rosyn emptis pro eisdem torticiis	iijs.
It. pro iiij rones [runs] de matchyerne pro eisdem	xvd.
It. Willelmo Roule locato per iij dies ad facturam dictorum torticiorum	ijs.
It. in diversis victualibus emptis pro predicto Willelmo, et custodibus tempore facture eorumdem	xx ^d .
It. in unguento pro manibus suis	ij ^d .
It. pro vj libris, uno quartero, cere emptis pro le pascal taper et le trendell	iijs. ix ^d .
It. in factura et non plus	ij ^d . ob.

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It. Thome Somerton pro j formula et j lebitina ² [basin] ab eo emptis	xiiij ^d .
It. Johanni Bokebynder de Mertock de j missale et j portifurio de novo ligando et cooperiendi et certos defectus in eisdem libris emendendo ex conventionione	xjs.

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 1441-2. Hen. VI., 19th-20th.

J. STACY AND R. ASTE, WARDENS.

[S. Mary Magdalene's Day is the day of account as usual.]

De vjs. viij ^d . receptis de legatione Johannis Hody militis	vjs. viij ^d .
Et de j tauro coloris rubii pretii vjs. viij ^d . recepto ex dono Johannis Aste	vjs. viij ^d .
Et de segitibus venditis in le more hoc anno ex assensu domini et tenentum suorum, viz., ad sustentationem ecclesie ibidem	xs.
[The brasina revenue is obliterated "quia non brasina hoc anno."]	
Et de locatione j vacce sic locate Johanni Devenysh	ijs.
Et de pretio unius vacce in custodia eorumdem procuratorum	xs.

IN EXPENSIS.

It. pro viij tabulis ligneis vocatis Weynescote borde pro australi hostio ecclesie de novo facte, pro tabula xiiij ^d	ixs. iiij ^d .
It. in cxx de five stroke nayles emptis ad idem	vs.

¹ There was no stone staircase to the Tower until 1516, when the present one was built, and the Tower raised.

² Probably a diminutive formed from lebes, a kettle or caldron.

- It. in iij twystys ferreis emptis ad idem iijs. viij*d*.
 It. Thome de Somerton carpentario conducto ad faciendum de novo dictum hostium
 ad thascam vjs. viij*d*.
 It. in uno annulo ferreo cum le bosc [boss] ferreo ad claudendum dictum hostium . xvij*d*.
 It. in excambio ij cruettyis hoc anno cambitis ij*d*.

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℞.℥. 1442-3. Hen. VI., 20th-21st.

J. STACY AND R. ASTE, WARDENS.

[The receipts are a legacy of a sheep, ijs. from an Ale, and xiijs. iiij*d*. from Bakehouse,
 the rent of the cow, and the sale of a bull, and of a pound of wax.]

In expensis pro visitatione Archiepiscopi Cantuariensis ii*d*.

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℞.℥. 1443-4. Hen. VI., 21-22.

J. STACY AND R. ASTE, CHURCHWARDENS.

IN RECEPT.

It. de incremento velleris j Multonis [sheep] iiij*d*.

IN EXPENSIS.

It. de una sera ad hostium ecclesie vs.

It. pro una memoracione animarum omnium benefactorum ecclesie ibidem de-
 functorum que teneri debeant annuatim per custodes ecclesie ibidem qui pro
 tempore fuerint viij*d*.

In expensis procuratorum existentium apud Yewelchester ad visitationem episcopi¹ . xij*d*.

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℞.℥. 1444-5. Hen. VI., 22-23.

J. STACY AND R. ASTE, CHURCHWARDENS.

It. pro 100 libris veteris plumbi ecclesie venditis hoc anno procuratori fraternitatis
 sancte Marie de Tyntynhull vjs. viij*d*.

It. de una zona de viride serico et argentata pretii xs. per estimationem, que data est
 ad ecclesiam hoc anno per Johannem Aste.

It. de incremento de les hogeler ys lyght de Johanne Warwyke nuper uno procuratorum
 inde ijs.

It. de ixs. receptis de quatuor quarteriis et dim. fabarum hoc anno legatis ad ecclesiam
 per Isabellam² Bondwyrt et de quatuor buss. frumenti nichill hic, quia liberati
 fuerint pro pane ad communem brasinam venditam ut ad commodum ecclesie
 que remanet in manibus Johannis Trente, J. Stiby, T. Bole, et Roberti Aste.

¹ Bp. Beckington's primary visitation.

² Her gift of wheat was handed to the four Managers of the brewhouse to serve for an Ale. Its money
 value is therefore not stated.

IN EXPENSIS.

[Reaping, carrying home and threshing corn and beans from the Moor¹.]

It. pro una libra cere pro le trendell renovand. quia igne combustum fuit vjd.
 It. pro una trabe ferri vocate Balaunce de novo empte ijs. vjd.

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A.D. 1446-7.

J. STACY AND ROBERT AUGHT, WARDENS.

It. in meremio empto ad stansile cimiterii ibidem faciendum xvjd.
 It. in uno muro lapideo in occidentali parte ecclesie ibidem emendendo ijs. ijd.
 It. pro xlvij libris plumbi emptis pro wights² ville faciundo ijs. iijjd.
 It. pro locatione j domus brasine pro brasina cervisie intus facienda vjd.

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24-25 H. VI. A.D. 1446-7.

J. STACE AND R. AUGHT, WARDENS.

[The date from S. Mary Magdalene is altered this year to S. Margaret, and the time comprised in this account extends to Easter following.]

It. receperunt de una zona harnesiata cum Argento data ecclesie per Isabellam Aught et vendita Willelmo Garde hoc anno ixs. vjd.
 It. de olla enea recepta de dono R. Corler hoc anno.

IN EXPENSIS.

It. pro una corda empta pro le lente clothe suspendendo jd.
 [The stock this year is one bull in the hands of J. Waryng, one cow in the hands of W. Prewers, four pounds of wool in those of J. Staci, and one brass pot measuring one lagena.]

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25-26 H. VI. A.D. 1447-8.

W. Goleight, et T. Wilmett, custodes bonorum et catallorum ecclesie S. Margarete virginis.
 It. de incremento unius brasine cerevisie facte ad usum S. Margarete ultra omnes custos [costs] hoc anno xijs. ijd.
 It. de incremento unius brasine cerevisie facte circa festum App. Philippi et Jacobi ultra omnes custos hoc anno xijs. iijjd.
 It. de iij libris lane grosse et fractt xd.
 It. de j olla enea continente j lagenam et ponderante xvij lb. vendita ijs.
 [The rent of the cow is cancelled, "quia sterilis fuit hoc anno."]

¹ N.B.—Details of the harvesting of the parish grain crops on the Moor allotment, which was cultivated by the Wardens.

² Does not this mean weights, *i.e.*, standard weights kept at the common bakehouse for the use of the Village?

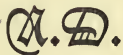
IN EXPENSIS.

It. pro ligatione et emendatione missalis ecclesie	vij <i>℥</i> .
It. pro emendatione ij chisipulorum ecclesie	xvj <i>℥</i> .
It. pro emend. ij aubis, et le perell [apparel] ij chisipularum, cum j dexte clothe, et j baner	xd.
It. pro j corda empta ad le peyse oriscopii	xvj <i>℥</i> .
[The cemetery wall opposite the Manor-court is repaired.]	
It. in uno libro processionali empto hoc anno	iijs. viij <i>℥</i> .
It. in panno lyneo empto pro aubis emendandis	xj <i>℥</i> .
It. domino Priori pro capitali rentale communis furni ibidem hoc anno	xiiij <i>℥</i> .
It. pro emendendo j cliper [clapper of bell] ecclesie	xviij <i>℥</i> .
It. pro ij plaustratis librarum petrarum ad communem furnum ville emendendum ibidem	xviij <i>℥</i> .
It. in uno lathamo. ad faciendum le mouthe et le foreborde pistrine, cum exaltatione eorundem	vd.
It. in expensis ejusdem lathami et aliorum auxiliantium lathamum ad idem opus	xd.

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It. in expensis apud Hamedun pro le fleure furni ibidem faciendum cum stipendio lathami, usque et in cibis et potibus emptis ad dictum lathamum	vij <i>℥</i> .
It. in uno coopertore locato per ij dies et dein per diem iiij <i>℥</i> ., et in suo serviente locato	xd.
It. in perlionebus [purlins] emptis ad idem opus	ij <i>℥</i> .
It. in falcatione j acre stipuli ad idem opus	iiij <i>℥</i> .
It. pro una tabula de alabastro empta ad summum altare ecclesie ibidem	xxvjs. viij <i>℥</i> .
It. ad ij tabula de alabastro empta per parochianos	xs.
It. in expensis Regis ¹ de Montagu apud Tyntenhull existentis tempore estivali	iiij <i>℥</i> .

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26-27 H. VI.  1448-9.

W. GOLYGHTE AND JOHN BROUN, WARDENS.

[A cow is sold for]	vjs.
It. de denariis provenientibus de venditione unius tauri sic venditi diversis parochianis ibidem hoc anno ultra xij <i>℥</i> . solutis ecclesie ad tabellam alabastriam per manus Roberti Sherene ut fatetur per parochianos predictos	vs.
[J. Aught gives a red cow ad usum ecclesie, which is let for]	xij <i>℥</i> .

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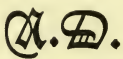
IN EXPENSIS.

It. pro lotricibus lavantibus linthiamina ecclesie nil capientibus preter expensas suas	vij <i>℥</i> .
It. in carnifice loci ad necandum et distribuendum taurum supra venditum	iiij <i>℥</i> .
It. in thumatione cum incenso	j <i>℥</i> .
It. ad emendandum lignum de trendale	ij <i>℥</i> .
It. ad faciendum de novo unum wherlegage positum ad scansile in orientali parte cimiterii pro animalibus extra cimiterium custodiendis	iiij <i>℥</i> .
It. solut. eidem Thome pro una libitina lignea ab eo empta hoc anno	vij <i>℥</i> .

¹ A play-king enacted by Montacute people at Tintinhull. Each season seems to have had its mock monarch. At Croscombe he reigned in winter; at Bath in autumn; here in summer.

It. cuidam fabro de Kyngesbury locato ad emendandum unum kanillum oriscopii ferreum portantem le sayllor (?)	iiij <i>℥</i> .
It. pro ij acris prati in chestremede emptis pro domo pistrine communis cooperienda .	vii <i>℥</i> .
It. pro dicto prato falcando	xij <i>℥</i> .
It. rectori loci pro certis animis precandis per annum	xij <i>℥</i> .

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27-28 H. VI.  1449-50.

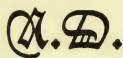
W. GOLYHT AND J. BROWN, WARDENS.

[No brewery revenue this year.]

Et de iiij*℥*. *x℥*., receptis in allocatione unius xv^{mo} domini regis fisci villat. hoc anno
allocat. ultra ij*℥*., solitos clerico collectori regis.¹

[Receipts this year only the rent of the pistrina and of the cow.]

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28-29 H. VI.  1450-1.

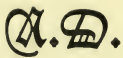
W. GOLYGHTE AND JOHN BROUNE, WARDENS.

RECEPT.

De legatione Isabelle hoc anno	iiij <i>℥</i> .
It. de legatione Bartholomei fratris de Yewelchestre	iijs. iiij <i>℥</i> .

[Expenses as usual.]

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29-30 H. VI.  1451-2.

W. GOLIGHT AND J. BROWN, WARDENS.

[The term of Account is still S. Margaret's Day.]

It. pro uno veteri hostio ecclesie vendito	vii <i>℥</i> .
It. pro duabus tabulis ligneis sic venditis	iiij <i>℥</i> .
It. pro uno trunco ligneo vendito	ij <i>℥</i> .
It. pro uno ligno quercino vendito	v <i>℥</i> .
It. pro ij lignis quercinis vocatis liernes de veteri rodelofte	xvii <i>℥</i> .
It. pro vj gistis [joists] ligneis venditis	iiij <i>℥</i> .
It. de Waltero Sille, Johanne Sille, Thoma Bowryng, Johanne Fribbe, et Johanne Exale de incremento unius ludi vocati Christmasse play	vjs. vii <i>℥</i> .
It. de Roberto Aught de dono patri sui	viijs. iiij <i>℥</i> .
Et de dono suo proprio	vjs. vii <i>℥</i> .
Et de dono patris ejusdem defuncti	vjs. vii <i>℥</i> .
Et de dono suo proprio	vjs. vii <i>℥</i> .

[Interlineations here make it uncertain if there is a repetition of the same entries].

¹ Were Churchwardens allowed a percentage on the allocation of the 15th?

It. de ijs. vj^l. receptis de Johanne Gille, collectore quarte partis unius xv^{me} domini
 regis hoc anno ut de denariis per prefatum dominum regem allocat. de antiquo
 po . . . (?)

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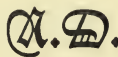
Solut. Thome Dayfote carpentario locato ad faciendum le Rodelofte ut in Meremiis
 ligneis ex conventione xls.
 It. Johanni Brayne de Stoke pro Meremiis vocatis waynscote pro dicto Rodelofte
 faciendo ab eo emptis in grosso vjs. viij^l.
 It. Johanni Stibi pro liberis petris pro dicto Rodelofte ab eo emptis xij^l.
 It. diversis hominibus locatis ad deponendum le Old Rodelofte xvij^l.
 It. servienti Johannis Davy pro muro petrino in parte boreali de la Rodelofte
 emendando, cum ij^l. solutis pro prandio suo vd
 It. Henrico Mason de Odecumbe, et Thome Bouryng locatis ad emendandum defectus
 muri petrini ex utraque parte ecclesie, videl. ad implendum foramina ubi vetus
 Rodelofte, prius fuit, ad thascam vij^l.
 It. Johanni Broun uno homini locato ad adjuvandum dictum servientem Johannis
 Davy iiij^l.
 It. in expensis diversorum hominum adquirentum ij plaustras Meremii a Montagu
 usque Tyntenhull viij^l.
 It. in clavis et ceteris ferramentis ad dictum Rodelofte emptis hoc anno viij^l.
 It. Johanni Brayne, cum serviente suo, locatis per unum diem ad bordandam et
 emendandam clausuram pone crucem, videl. inter naveu ecclesie et cancellam xd.
 It. Willelmo Perys locato ad faciendum de novo xl Judaces ligneas ad pertandum
 luminaria stantia coram alta cruce ad thascam xd.
 It. in Meremio empto ad idem jd.
 It. Willelmo Golyght locato per unum diem coadjuvante T. Dayfote ad levandum
 solarium subtus le Rodelofte ad thascam iiij^l.
 It. Johanni Hare locato ad progettandum [pargetting] et dealbandum muros petrilios
 turris campanarum in grosso ad thascam xd.
 It. cuidam homini vocato alabastre-man in arameanda et conventione unius tabelli
 alabastri jd.

[The usual annual expenses, including those at visitation here follow.]

Total lxvijs. ij^l.

Of which the cost of the Rodelofte is £ij ijs.

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30-31 H. VI.  1452-3.

W. GOLYGHTE AND J. BROUN, WARDENS.

[No revenue from brewing.]

A cow is sold for vijs.

A brass pot weighing xiiij lbs. is left by will.

Segetes in marisco vendite hoc anno nil hic, quia pecunia nondum soluta fuit.

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IN EXPENSIS.

- It. mulieribus lavantes [*sic*], necessaria ecclesie non capientes preter expensas . . . viij*d*.
 It. pro uno veteri superpellicio hoc anno empto apud Montagu . . . xvij*d*.
 It. pro eodem superpellicio emendendo et lavando hoc anno . . . ij*d*.
 It. solut. clerico facienti nunc computum ac pro computis quatuor ceterorum annorum
 proxime precedentum . . . xx*d*.
 It. Willelmo Passelow et aliis scribendis parcellam computi predicti ad vices . . . iij*d*.
 E quibus pecuniis allocatur de xxxvijs. iij*d*. solutis ad tabellam alabastriam nuper
 emptam ut fatetur per parochianos.
 It. de vjs. viij*d*. solutis pro predicta tabella alabastraria per manus Roberti Aught unde
 dicti custodes onerantur supra in arreragiis . . . ut fatetur super computum
 per parochianos predictos.

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- De incremento xxs. brasine cervisie ad festum nativitatis Domini nil eo quod singuli
 denarii predicti receptus fuerunt per alios parochianos et per manus eorundem
 soluti cuidam alabastreman pro tabella alabastrina ab eo emptam sic quod nullo
 modo denarii ad manus custodum onerari deberent. Exonerantur per parochian
 causa predicta.
 It. de xxs. de incremento alterius brasine cervisie anno predicto erga festum S.
 Margarete nil respondent causa predicta.
 It. de xxs. provenientibus de ij plumbis pandoxaterii venditis nuper provenientibus
 de legatione Roberti Giles et Matilde uxoris sue nil respondent causa predicta.
 [First use of the word pandoxaterium.]
 Remanent adhuc solvendum.
 Set tamen memorandum est de diversis denariis extra computum predicti custodis
 computantis in manibus diversis existentibus que fuerunt deo et ecclesie S. Mar-
 garete de Tyntenhill debitæ, viz., xs. remanent solvend, in manibus cujusdam
 Johannis Rede de Lange Sutton que debentur ecclesie predictæ pro segitibus
 vocatis leveryys de marisco nuper sibi venditis.

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31-32 H. VI. *A.D.* 1453-4.

J. STACY AND W. SHODES, WARDENS.

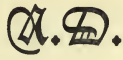
- Et de xxs. of the brasina of S. Margaret's Day of the preceding year, de dono paroch-
 ianorum per supervisum Margarete Stacy et Isabelle Wilmot ultra . . . ix*s*. j*d*.
 Solut. pro uno superpellicio ad usum ecclesie de novo empto.

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IN EXPENSIS.

- It. pro falcatione unius acre stipuli de dono Johannis Stacy pro reparatione communis
 pistrine . . . iij*d*.
 It. j coopertore pro thatchante.
 It. pro ij plaustratis petrarum emptis pro le causey ex opposito domum communis
 pistrine emendendo . . . iij*d*.
 It. pro ij ferreis vangalibus [spades] una cum uno ligno vangalis ad staurum ecclesie
 emptis . . . ix*d*.

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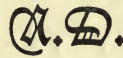
32-33 H. VI.  1454-5.

WILLIAM SHODES AND WALTER GILLE, WARDENS.

[Among the] Expenses.

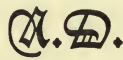
Et in brimstone empto pro le flammeolis [veils] in ecclesia lavandis ob.
Et in Wexinge, j dipote cum j poyntell ad eandem emptam jd. ob

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33-34 H. VI.  1455-6.

WALTER AND JOHN GILLE.

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34-35 H. VI.  1456-7.

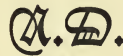
WALTER AND JOHN GILLE.

[Only the usual entries.]

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Solut. uni homini ligatori conducto pro duobus septimanis pro libris ligandis capienti
pro una septimana, iijs. iiij*d.* vjs. viij*d.*
It. eidem ligatori pro libris ecclesie ligandis per iiij dies capienti per diem v*d.* ob. ijs. ij*d.*
It. eidem pro clapsys dictorum librorum v*d.*
It. pro co-operatione unius libri ecclesie ii*d.*
It. pro tribus pellibus bidentum emptis pro aliis libris ecclesie cooperiendis . . . viij*d.*
It. in una pelle de doeskyne pro eisdem libris v*d.*
It. in quatuor pellibus pergamenis pro eisdem libris viij*d.*
It. in coreo de lether (?) iiij*d.* ob.
It. in gluwe ad idem opus ij*d.*
It. in filis emptis pro dictis libris suendis ii*d.*
It. in coreo equino ad idem ij*d.* ob.
It. in gume pro eisdem libris j*d.*
It. Johanni Rede de Upton pro clogill empto in mora de Tyntenhull xs.
Et remanet in custodia unus annulus argenteus deauratus [gilt].

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35-36 H. VI.  1457-8.

WALTER GYLLE AND JOHN GYLLE, WARDENS.

[Nothing unusual in the receipts].

IN EXPENSIS.

It. rectori pro communi anniversario tenendo xij*d.*
It. pro fronkyncense seu thure j*d.*
It. in viij staples ferri de novo emptis pro baculis vexilli, cum uno crampo ferri empto
pro ostio ecclesie viij*d.*

It. in uno antiphonali de novo ligato vjd.
 [Two acres of straw and five bundles of spars (plionum) are bought from W.
 Montacute for thatching] xvjd.

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It. pro portatione vexilli usque Yvelchester anno elapso et anno instanti iiijd.
 Ex dono rectoris ecclesie, iij quarteria avene et ij busselli frumenti.

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36-37 H. VI. *A.D.* 1458-9.

ROBERT AUGHT AND WILLIAM WARFULL, WARDENS.

IN EXPENSIS.

It. pro emendatione de ponte juxta cimiterium ijd.
 It. aquebajulo ecclesie pro portatione vexilli usque Yvelchester ijd.
 [First mention of the aquebajulus.]
 It. in uno hyve empto pro apibus iijd.ob.
 It. pro le pascal tapyr ijs. iiijd.
 In expensis factis apud¹ Yelchester per parochianos de concordatione inter ipsos et
 dicti rectoris ijs. viijd.

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37-38 H. VI. *A.D.* 1459-60.

BONA ECCLÆ. Note of goods remaining in hands of W. and J. Gylle, Wardens, 1457-8, viz.,
 A ring, oatmalt, wheat-malt, and a sheep, and bees.

ROBERT BENET ET W. BOLE, PROCURATORES ECCLESIE.

RECEIPTS.

Bakehouse let to William Newman and J. Bremylcombe for the year xs.
 It. pro uno bidenti ex dono Johannis Weryn sic vendito xd.
 It. pro j brasina ejus ecclesie vendita in festo Inventionis S. Crucis in anno prece-
 dente xijd.
 [and again this year, same day] ijs. iiijd.
 It. brasina in festo S. Margarete vjs. viijd.
 It. pro redditu unius camere communis pistrine a festo S. Michaelis usque ad festum
 S. Margarete vjd.

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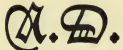
IN EXPENSIS.

It. in lotura flameoli et factura le pryket ut in potibus ijd.
 It. uno peynter pro peynting de la Rodelofte ut in parte pecunie sue xiijs. iiijd.
 It. in ridatione unius gutteri circa covam pistrine [vault of oven]. iiijd.
 It. in fodatione unius fossati pertinentis dicte pistrine apud moram jd.
 It. in una petra separali [detached, single] emptā apud Hamden ad obstipandum os
 pistrine js. ijd.

¹ Probably settled at the Visitation Court by Arbitration. The cause is not revealed.

[The capa and vestimenta are mended, and rebyn [ribbon] bought for them, as also bockeram, [blue] and white thread, thread de abisso [= bysso, flax], and linen de Crescloth.]		ijs. vjd.
It. in smigmatte et sulfur pro lotura pannorum lineorum.		
It. in iiij saccis calcis uste pro fenestris		ijs. jd.
It. in stipendio W. Warfull ad jactandam tabulam		jd.
It. ad portandam calcem a Crukern usque Tyntenhull		ijjd.
It. aquebajulo ecclesie ad portandum vexillum ecclesie ad Yelchester ad festum Pentecost.		ijjd.

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38-39 H. VI.  1460-1.

ROBERT BENET AND W. BOLE, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

It. pro clogill vendito Johanni Rede ut de antiquo debitor	vijs. viijjd.
It. pro parvis lapidibus fractis de remanent. fenestr. ecclesie sic venditis	viijjd.
It. pro quatuor annulis argenteis ex legatione	ijs.

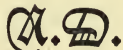
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It. pro uno latice stangni de stauro sic vendito	xjd.
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EXPENS.

In stangno empto pro fenestris ecclesie	ijjd. ob.
Pro cera pro cereo benedicto	xxijjd. ob.

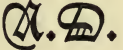
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1-2 Ed. IV.  1461-2.

J. BOLE AND J. CRYBEE, WARDENS.

[In this year £1 2s. 4d. was lent to six people in sums from 6s. 8d. downwards.]

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 1462-3. 2-3 Ed. IV.

J. BOLE AND J. CRYBEE, WARDENS.

Solut. aquebajulo pro portatione vexilli in processione apud Yelchester	ijjd.
Allowed to J. Bole the sum which he had laid out for the painting of the Rood- loft	xxjd.

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3-4 Ed. IV.  1463-4.

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T. WYLMOT AND T. PREDYLL, WARDENS.

Solut. uno homini locato ad deponendum vitrum de fenestra ecclesie ad finem
occidentalem vjs.

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4-5 Ed. IV.  1464-5.

J. PRYDELL AND JOHN CARSLoo, WARDENS.

Ex legatione Agnete Bretyll data ecclesie pro adorand.¹ in ecclesia eadem per
annum vjs. viijz.

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in expensis clerici ecclesie et unius hominis secum pro portatione vexillorum ad
Yvelchester ijz. ob.
In emendatione unius candelabri auricalci [brass] fracti ijz.
[For plumber's work] £j. js. xjz.

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5-6 Ed. IV.  1465-6.

T. STACY AND PETER BRETELL, WARDENS.

[Michaelmas to Michaelmas.]

Ex legatione Johannis Trent, viz., pro j lodice [coverlet] de fustian, et j linchiamine,
j manutergio sic vendito ixz.
De relevio [nett benefit] panis benedicti hoc anno vs. xz.
Et receperunt de candelis pertinentibus dicto pani benedicto hoc anno [old candles
sold to swell this item] iiijz.
Et de Willelmo Warefull et Johanne Trent de hogelers light hoc anno xxijz.

IN EXPENSIS.

It. in uno Pax emptā ad usum ecclesie iiijz.
It. in quatione [the carriage] unius paris vestiment. a Wells usque Tyntenhull ijs. vdz.
It. pro uno trendell de novo empto vjs. iiijz.

¹ To be prayed for.

6-7 Ed. IV. 1466-7.

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P. BRETTEL AND J. AUGHT, WARDENS.

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IN EXPENSIS.

It. in duobus zonis emptis pro capellano	j <i>℥</i> .
It. pro factura et emendatione de les pryketts in ecclesia ardentibus per annum	j <i>℥</i> .
It. in emendatione unius cere cum una clave ad idem empta	ij <i>℥</i> .
It. pro scrinio ¹ in ecclesia et clavis emptis ad idem	v <i>℥</i> .

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7-9 Ed. IV. 1468-70. [From S.

Margaret's Day to the Conversion of S. Paul.]

[I.e., July 22, 1467, to Jan. 25, 1469.]

J. BROUN AND WALTER GYLLE, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Pro j ulmo sic vendit	ijs. viij <i>℥</i> .
It. pro meremio de ponte juxta stansile cimiterii hoc anno vendito	ij <i>℥</i> .
It. pro shrudatione unius ulmi in cimiterio	xij <i>℥</i> .
It. pro brasina	xxvjs. viij <i>℥</i> .
It. pro pane benedicto	vs.

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IN EXPENSIS.

It. in j plastrata petrarum ad communem furnum	
It. in j plastrata petrarum querente apud Hamdon ad pontem juxta cimiterium	viij <i>℥</i> .
It. in iiij lb. cere pro les trendel bis de novo factis.	
[The clerk (aquebajulus) carries the banner to Ilchester at Pentecost.]	
It. pro emendatione unius citule [bucket] pro aqua benedicta portanda.	
It. pro uno panno lineo empto ad pendendum ante altam crucem in ecclesia	ijs. v <i>℥</i> .

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9th-10th Ed. IV. From Conversion of S. Paul,
Jan. 25, 1469, to Sunday before SS. Simon
and Jude, Oct. 1470, 1 year 3 quarters.

J. BROUN AND WALTER GYLLE, WARDENS.

One brasina produces vs., and the pistrina xxixs. iiij*℥*.

One toga ex legatione is sold for viijs.

The vexillum is carried to Ilchester "per tempus computi."

¹ The word means both screen and desk.

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IN EXPENSIS.

It. in una ropa empta pro canapy	j <i>℥</i> .
It. in uno cophino empto pro pane benedicto portando	iiij <i>℥</i> .
[The Loaf, like the Holy Water, was carried to certain houses by the Aquæ-bajulus.]	
In stauro vendito super computum. Pro uno annulo argenteo	ix <i>℥</i> .
Et pro alio annulo argenteo cum uno numerali vendito	xij <i>℥</i> .
Et pro una patella enea de stauro vendita	ijs.

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11-13th Ed. IV. Two years from F. of SS. Simon
and Jude, 1471-3.

JOHN TRENT AND R. STACY, WARDENS.

[Entries few and customary. The distractions of the Kingdom are probably reflected in the broken periods of the wardenships.]

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13-16 Ed. IV. *A.D.* 1473-6.

TRENT AND STACY [serving again for 3 years.]

Receipts for two years for the panis benedictus xijs.

IN EXPENSIS.

It. pro superpellicio pro sacerdote	ix <i>℥</i> . viij <i>℥</i> .
It. „ „ pro clerico	ijs. iiij <i>℥</i> .
It. cera pro cereo de fonte	ijs. viij <i>℥</i> .
It. pro cera for the trendell	xvij <i>℥</i> .
It. pro factura de le bemme crucis [the high cross beam]	ijs. vij <i>℥</i> .

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MEM. 16 Ed. IV. Joh. Bul and Thos. Prydell began to be Proctors at M'mas till
M'mas next, succeeding Trent and Stacy.

Expenses, xijs. iiij*℥*. Balance handed over, £iij xixs.

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17 Ed. IV. *A.D.* 1477-8.

JOHN BOWL AND THOMAS PYCHER, WARDENS.

[The first account in English.]

For mawing and carrying home of strawe for the bakehouse.

It. for the bedrowyll to the brest [priest] at iiij tymys	xij <i>℥</i> .
It. for the rope of the canapie	j <i>℥</i> .
It. to the clerk for bearing of the banner to Ylchester	ij <i>℥</i> . ob.

It. for ij putts of stone to the church cawse [causey]	viijs.
It. for wyntering and summering of the chyrche cowe	iijs.
It. for keepyng of a calfe fro mydwynter to after Easter	vjd.

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RECEIPTS.

For Ayll [ale] ad fest. S. Margaret	iiijs. vjd.
It. for the chyrche loffe [loaf]	vs.
It. for the owyn [oven let for private bakings]	viijs.

18-19 Ed. IV. 1479-80. St. Margt.
to St. Margt.

THOMAS STACY AND JOHN BOWELL, WARDENS.

Balance	£iiijs vs.
Receipts. See Items below	xls. viijs.
Expenses. „	xxiijs. vijds. ob.
Balance	£v. ijs.

RECEIPTS.

De redditu communis pistrine.

It. for a cowe off J. Stacy	viijs.
It. for the same J. Stacy	vjs. viijs.
It. for the wyffe of Peter Prettyll for agoyn [a gown].	vs.
It. for a croke of W. Undyrway	iijs.
It. for the holy loffe	vs. xd.
It. for sellyng of wax of the tryndyll	iijs.
It. for ayll that was sold att the feste of Sanctt Margaret.	iiijs. vjd.

IN EXPENSIS.

It. for deryge and masses for the fonders.	xviijs.
It. sowder and led for y ^e blomere [plumber's] labour	

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Ed. IV. 19. St. Margt. to Ed. IV. 22nd.
Palm Sunday.

RECEIPTS.

It. pro taberna serevicie	xjs. ijd.
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EXPENSES.

It. carpentario pro reparatione ecclesie et domus servicie	ixs. xjd.
It. W. Newman pro reparatione domus communis servicie	vjs. iijs.

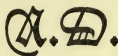
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It. pro thrussyng of whete iiij*d*.

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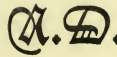
22 Ed. IV.  1482-3.

W. ASTE AND J. BOLLE, WARDENS.

EXPENSES.

Pro celatione Alti crucis xxiiij*s*.
 et pro facture le mortyse ad deponendum lignum intus ij*d*.
 [for the erection of the upright beam of the Crucifix.]

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Richard III.  1483-4.

R. PRYDYLL AND J. CARSLow, WARDENS.

EXPENSES.

Pro Taratantaryatione unius ligni pro pistrino v*j**d*.
 It. pro capistro ad portandum canipem Alti Altaris j*d*.

RECEIPTS.

Joan Trynt dedit ecclesie xij*d*.
 It. pro pane benedicto vs. x*d*.

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[The scribe is quite confused about his date.]

ROBT. BENET [al Smyth, p. 90] AND W. LAURANCE, WARDENS, succeeding
 Carslow and Prydel.

EXPENSES.

It. pro scriptione¹ Visitationis beate Marie et beate Anne v*j**s*.

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[No date.]

R. STACY AND R. BAWNTON, WARDENS.

They receive of Smyth and Laurance £vj x*s*. viij*d*.

It. quinque annulos et unam zonam argenteam.

It. de Willelmo Merche in Coker ad orandum v*j**s*. viij*d*.It. de Roberto Prydyll ad orandum xij*d*.It. pro uno thuriferario xv*j**d*.

It. de Willelmo Aste unam vaccam.

It. de redditu pistrino x*s*. iiij*d*.It. pro prest unum? v*j**s*. viij*d*. ad parochiam.

[Stacy and J. Trynte chosen Wardens, but their Account has been cut out.]

¹ Probably both picture and text touching the Visitation.

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A.D. mcccc. [No other date.]

J. BOLLE AND J. TREYNTE, WARDENS, after Stacy and Trynte. The only receipts this year are from the two taverns, the bakehouse, and the cow.

EXPENSES.

It. pro una mappa empta ad altum altare	ixs. iiij ^d .
It. allowyde J. Treynthe pro taberna	iijs. viij ^d .

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T. STACY AND T. HOPKYNs, WARDENS, after Bolle and Trynte.

It. pro trigintalibus [anniversary] tenentibus per annum	xij ^d .
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T. STACY AND PERRYS [PETER] BYRKYLL, WARDENS, after Stacy and Hopkyns.

EXPENSES.

It. pro le wyllyng [levelling] of the walete	iiij ^d .
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[No date.]

J. BOLLIS AND W. LAURANCE, WARDENS, after Stacy and Byrkyll.

It. pro pane benedicto	vs. ix ^d .
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EXPENSES.

It. pro le sylyng ecclesie	ijs. ix ^d .
It. pro pictura alti crucis	vjs. viij ^d .
It. pro pictatione alti crucis et pro cilatione supra	£iiij xld.
It. pro pictatione unius mappe	ijs. iiij ^d .
It. pro factura le cylyng	xvs.

RECEIPTS.

It. pro una taberna servicie vendita in festo SS. Philip et Jacobi	xs.
It. pro domo pistrinari	xjs. iiij ^d .
It. pro pane benedicto	vs. ix ^d .

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12 H. VII. **A.D.** 1496-7.

T. STACY AND T. HOPKYNs, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

It. pro vj bras. pandox. [private brewings in Church-house]	ijs.
It. pro patella enea apud domum pandoxeterii	xd.

EXPENSES.

It. pro emendatione j shete dicti pandoxeterii	iiij ^d .
It. pro cccc arundineti pro emendatione dicti pandoxeterii	ixs. iiij ^d .

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13 H. VII. *A.D.* 1497-8.

T. STACY AND R. STACY, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Et de brasina . . . in domo pandoxeterii, viz., W. Newman viij*z*., R. Bole viij*z*.,
 R. Browne viij*z*., J. Rychards viij*z*., W. Predel viij*z*., hoc anno iijs. iiij*z*.

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EXPENSES.

It. in dabero, wallero, et frethero la sperys [dauber, waller, wreather of the spars]
 emend. dicte domus iijs. viij*z*.
 It. empt. j sakeryng bell ij*z*.
 It. in emendatione unius domus vocate la olde bakehouse xiijs. iij*z*.

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[Owing to misbinding the next account is found at the beginning of the book. Pages
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14 Hen. VII. *A.D.* 1498-9.

ROB. BOLE AND JO. TRENT, after Stacy and Stacy.

RECEIPTS.

3 Ales and 8 private brewings.
 Panis ecclesiasticus, twice. 12 rings, gold and silver.

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EXPENSES. [Customary ones.]

In stipendio Rob. Browne et jaole? iiij*z*. [Not balanced.]

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15 Hen. VII. *A.D.* 1499-1500.

Same Wardens.

RECEIPTS.

De redditu domus pistrina xjs. iij*z*.
 „ „ „ voc. olde Bakehowse iijs.
 „ „ ecclesiæ voc. Morelese ij ann. xvij*z*.

EXPENSES.

customary, except escura [scouring] fossati et frething sepes [making hedges] apud
 old bakehowse ij*z*.

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15-16 H. VII. *A.D.* 1500-1.

R. BOLE AND J. TRENT, WARDENS.

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16-17 H. VII.

J. TRENT AND T. BROWNE, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

It. de incremento panis benedicti distriant [*sic*] per totam parochiam
[An inventory of Church goods and vestments in store.]

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17-18 H. VII. *A.D.* 1501-2.

T. BROWNE AND W. NEWMAN, WARDENS.

EXPENSES.

It. for a quit rent for the church house	ijd. ob.
It. for cloth for ij awter clothys paynted by J. Stacy and J. Trent	xixd.
It. for cloth bowght for iij corpores	xd.
It. for a bottel for too ffett [fetch] wyne for the hye awter	viijd.
It. allowyd to W. Rychards for bakyng for the church	vjd.

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Et notandum est quod preter summas predictas debentur ecclesie tres summa
pecuniarum perquisitarum de incremento trium brasinarum de communi dono
parachianorum, quarum prima vendita est per manus Johannis Trent et Stacy,
et adduxerunt de incremento xxxvjs. viij*d.*
Secunda per manus W. Prydell et J. Bawnton et adduxerunt de incremento . . . xiiij*s.* xd.
Tertia per manus Thome Stacy et T. Hopkyns et adduxerunt de incremento . . . xjs. iiij*d.*

18-19 H. VII. *A.D.* 1503-4.

T. BROWN AND J. BAMPTON, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

It. de pastura pertinente domui pandoxaterii	ix <i>d.</i>
It. de W. Prydell pro una brasina brasiata in domo pandoxaterii hoc anno	viijd.

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EXPENSES.

It. clerico ecclesie pro monstratione vexille apud Yewelchester ex consuetudine	ijd. ob.
It. in expensis apud Kyngesbury ¹ pro consecratione ij corporalium hoc anno	iiij <i>d.</i>
It. in denariis ballivo domini pro r[editu] domus pistrine	xij <i>d.</i>

¹ The nearest Episcopal Manor. Bishop King was probably in residence there.

It. in denariis ballivo predicto pro r[editu] domus pandoxaterii xij*d*.
 [Among the stock.] una toga ex dono Alicie Stacy et unum linthiamen pro imagine
 beate Marie Virginis ex dono dicte Alicie.

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Hen. VII. 19-20. 1503-4.

JOHN BAMPTON AND JOHN BREMELCOMBE, WARDENS.

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Hen. VII. 20-21. 1504-5.

WILLIAM PREDYLL AND JOHN BREMILCOMBE, WARDENS.

Hen. VII. 21-2. 1505-6.

WILLIAM PREDYLL AND THOS. JENTTYLL, WARDENS.

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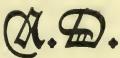
Hen. VII. 22-3. 1506-7.

THOS. HOPKYNs AND T. JENTTYLL, WARDENS.

EXPENSES.

It. paid for iij awter clothys viij*d*.
 It. for makyng and gyltyng of a chalyce with costs made in the puttyng owt of the said
 warke, ponderat. xxj unc. et dim. xlvij*s*. vj*d*.
 [A standing crop given by T. Predyll ; charge for harvesting 18*d*.]

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23-24 H. VII.  1507-8.

T. HOPKYNs AND J. HOREWOODE, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

Pro una vacca vendita donata per Elizabeta Prydell xs.
 It. de legato W. Borow. xij*d*.

EXPENSES.

For a new dext (desk) for the quere ijs
 It. for costs done at the halowynge of the bellys and of the High Awter vijs. xd.
 It. for adraw3tt maade for the sakerment with a coffer for the seide draw3tt, and fore
 the oyle vaatt ijs.
 It. for yryn warke for the closure of the same and off the vautre xx*d*.
 It. for a roller to bere the [?] ewell at the Hyge Awter and for a cover to the vautre xvij*d*.
 It. for makynge of a frenge with bottyns [buttons] and tassels to a kerchew to hang
 over the sakerment ijs. viij*d*.

It. for mendyng of a sakeryng bell ob.
 It. for mendyng of the vessells at the all [ale] house vjd.

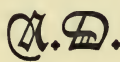
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It. for mendyng of the arche at the chawncell door.
 Et remanet de stauro antiquo ecclesie in manibus custodum de novo electorum.

[INVENTORY].

In primis, ij crewetts off sylver.
 It. one gurdell with bokell and pendent of silver.
 It. a peyre off beeds
 It. one rynge ex dono Elizabet Prydell.
 It. iiij*d.* [*i.e.*, a groat].
 It. one pane [pan] appreciat. ad vs. viij*d.* ex dono Anisie Booles.
 It. una vacca ex dono ejusdem Anisie.

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 1510-11. [2 Hen. VIII.]

J. HOREWODE AND W. SMYTH, WARDENS.

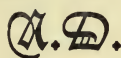
Among the receipts.

It. for ij leggs¹ in the more ix*d.*

EXPENSES.

It. for stuffe for mendyng off the mace [*i.e.*, mass] book, for wrytyng off the Kalender
 in the same iijs.
 It. in partte of payment for howsing of owr lady ijs. iiij*d.*
 To the Skynner of Kyngesbury ffor v queyres off velume p'*c* x*d.* iijs. ij*d.*
 To Nowbyll ffor xvij queyres at x*d.*
 To Cockes of Baltsborow ffor v queyres att xj*d.*
 It. for v queyres for a greyll vs. vij*d.*
 It. for pryckyng, wrytyng and lymynyng [illuminating] of ye v queyres vjs. viij*d.*
 It. for vj querys of velum at x*d.*
 [See also Ao. 1511-1512.] For Velum for ye portuas and a greyll xxijs. iiij*d.*
 For pryckyng, wrytyng, and lymenyng of vj queyres viijs. viij*d.*

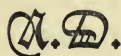
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 1511-2.

WILL. SMYTH AND JAMES STACY, WARDENS, after Horewode and Smyth.

[Nothing unusual.]

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 1511-2.

JAMES STACY, AND JOHN SMYTH, WARDENS, after Smyth and Stacy.

Expenses. To carpenter for sawyng of tymber for seettys [seats] for ye church and
 for cuttyng and framyng partt of ye same xxxijs. iiij*d.*

¹ Allotments, shapen like a leg and foot, *i.e.*, one strip at right angles to the other, are still called "legs." These same pieces in later accounts, being let for leasing, are called leazes, leeses, &c.

² One of these dates must be wrong. Owing to the official year now beginning on Passion Sunday which might be before or after Lady Day, then the first day of the civil year, there was ample room for error.

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A.D. 1512-3. 4 Hen. VIII.

J. SMYTH AND W. WHELER, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

[An Ale as usual on SS. Philips and James and S. Margaret's Day.]

It. off Robine Hoods All [Ale] only this once	xjs.
It. a Jacobo Stacy per manus rectoris	viijs. xjd.
It. a Johanne Trentt for the ooide seets of the church	vs. iiijd.

EXPENSES.

It. carpentario for makying of the segs [seats]	vjd. viijd.
It. carpentario pro eodem opere	xls.

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A.D. 1518-9.

W. PRYDELL AND J. HOPKYNS,¹ WARDENS.

[From Passion Sunday to Passion Sunday.]

RECEIPTS.

It. ex legatione Johannis Stacy	xvjs.
It. ab executoribus ejusdem pro loco sepulture ejus in ecclesia [earliest entry]	vjs. viijd.

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[Some details of repairs to the churchyard wall on the east side and a stonyn² door.]

It. paid for viij loode of stone from the hyle	xvjd.
It. paid for ij loode from the castell [<i>i.e.</i> , ruins of Montacute Castle].	xijd.

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[A note that 3 leggs in the moor are allotted to the bakehouse and 3 to the brewhouse].

From A.D. 1519-1532.

[Very little change in the entries.]

¹ The addition to the Tower belongs to this Wardenship.² A doorcase, still standing in the west wall of churchyard, but unused.

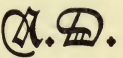
22-23 H. VIII. Lady Day, 1531 to
Lady Day, 1532.

J. PRYDELL AND R. BROUN, WARDENS.

Special contributions to building the Church-house.

De Thoma priore Montis acuti ac rectore ibidem xx^s.
De W. Newman vjs. vij^d. ; De J. Underway, iijs. iiij^d. ; De W. Bolerde, iijs. iiij^d. ;
De T. Prydell, iijs. iiij^d. ; De J. Dollynge iijs. iiij^d. ; De J. Prydell, xx^d. ; De J.
Bampton, xx^d. ; De W. Wheler, xij^d. ; De J. Rychard, ijs. iiij^d. ; De W. Smyth,
xx^d. ; De W. Gyll, xij^d. ; De S. Towker, xij^d. ; De J. Burne, xij^d. ; De R. Broun,
xij^d. ; Summa, lijs. iiij^d. ; [Payments for stone and labour follow. Total £iiij vjs. vj^d.]

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 1513-4.

W. WHELER AND JOHN STACY, WARDENS.

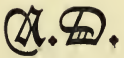
RECEIPTS.

It. de Thoma Tokar pro redditu domus sue xv^d.
It. a diversis pro brewing at the All [Ale] howse ijs. vj^d.

EXPENSES.

It. laid owt at the Churche alle at Montague for the deffawtt of apparance of owr
neybars xx^d.
It. for payng of the churche xviiij^d.
It. for blessing of a pair of vestments ij^d.
It. for ij peire of crewetts xx^d.

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 1514-15.

JOH. STACEY AND JOH. PYCHER, WARDENS.

[From Passion Sunday to y^e same day.]

W. Wheler de industria sua obtulit pro pictura Altaris ex parte australi xs. j^d.
W. Ootts obtulit ad idem opus xs. j^d.

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A.D. 1515-6. 7 Hen. VIII.

J. PYCHER AND J. TOKAR, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

It. de pecuniis collectis in vigilia Epiphanie ijs. iiijd.

EXPENSES.

It. payd to the paynter at one tyme (fil cum syr¹) xvjs. ix*d*.
 It. eidem similr. xxiijs. ix*d*.
 It. for payntyng of the kynggs crowne² ij*d*.
 It. for honggyng of the clothys at the low awters vjd.
 It. for clarifyng of olde wexe—and for takyng of y^e tapers to for the crosse iiij*d*.

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A.D. 1516-7.

J. TOKAR AND W. OOTTS, WARDENS.

EXPENSES.

It. apud Stooke, Montegow, and Chilthorn, at their churche ayles vjd.
 It. for clothe to mend the low awter clothys ix*d*.
 It. dat. in regardo pictori for Seynt Nicholas awter iijs. iiij*d*.
 It. for clothe of heere [hair] for the low awters ijs. ij*d*.

[On a half page, sewn in, is a rough statement of the "makyng off West wyndow yn the towre," for raising the tower and adding a turret staircase. The rector received £3 13*s*. 4*d*. from Warden Hopkyns, and with other aids completed the work. The masons' wages, paid weekly whilst working on le Sterr = £10 10*s*.]

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A.D. 1517-8.

W. OOTTS AND W. PRYDELL, WARDENS.

[The copes are repaired and new coloured.]

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23-24 H. VIII. Lady Day, 1532, to Lady
Day, 1533.

J. HOPKYNs AND J. DOLLYNG, WARDENS.

[Among the revenue items are rents "veteris pandoxaterii," and "pandoxaterii," *i.e.*, the new Church-house with its bakehouse and brewhouse.]

¹ ? The son with the sire.

² On one of the pictures or images.

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From Lady Day, 24th Hen. VIII, to Lady
Day, 25th Hen. VIII.

THOMAS AND JOHN PRYDELL, WARDENS.

Lady Day, 25th Hen. VIII, to Lady Day,
26th Hen. VIII.

THOMAS PRYDELL AND JOHN BAMPTON, WARDENS.

[On a fly leaf, pinned to p. 119, are two supplements to this account, containing the following Bill of particulars transcribed in full.]

SUMPTUS T. PRYDELL.

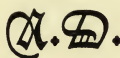
Item for ij loade off store stonys	ijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
„ the helyng stonys fett [fetched] at Hardynghon for the porch	vs. iiij <i>d</i> .
„ making of the bartin wall	vs. viij <i>d</i> .
„ costyge [costs, costagia] at Visitation	xx <i>d</i> .
„ borde naylys	ij <i>d</i> .
„ beryng of y ^e banner	ij <i>d</i> . ob.
„ frankynsens	ob
„ ye paschall taper	ijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
„ one bawdry	xiiij <i>d</i> .
	xviijs. x <i>d</i> .

SUMPTUS J. BAWNTON.

Item paid to plumr. for mendyng lede of Chyrche	vijs.
„ helyer for y ^e coveryng of y ^e porche	vs.
„ for lyme	ix <i>d</i> .
„ Bell ropys	iijs.
„ wex for y ^e trendyll	vij <i>d</i> . ob.
„ sope	iiij <i>d</i> . ob.
„ lathys to cover y ^e porche	x <i>d</i> .
„ lathys nayls	vd.
	xvijs. x <i>d</i> .

Summa hujus billæ xxxiijs. x*d*.

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28-29 H. VIII.  1537-8.

P. TOUKER AND R. BROWNE, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

It. de redditu unius pistrine hoc anno	xjs. iiij <i>d</i> .
It. de redditu unius cottagii dimissi A. Domytt	xv <i>d</i> .
It. de redditu unius camere in domo pistrine dimisse Agnete Cocke	viij <i>d</i> .

[Next Wardens, R. and W. Gelle. Accounts missing.]

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29-30 H. VIII. *A.D.* 1538-9.

J. BURFORDE AND T. PRYDELL, WARDENS, after Touker and Brown.

RECEIPTS.

It. receperunt de incremento panis benedicti hoc anno ex antiqua consuetudine iijs. iiijd.
 It. de domino¹ Episcopo Solubrensi ad sustentationem unius paris vestimentorum
 empt. xijjs. iiijd

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EXPENSES.

It. carpentario ad faciendum finem operis domus ecclesie, viz., silarium ibidem xjs. iiijd

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30-31 H. VIII.

J. BURFORD AND T. PRYDELL, WARDENS.

[Besides the usual Ales.]

It. de venditione unius cerevicie in quarta septimana Quadragesime ut per sacramentum
 dictorum computantum xijjs. iiijd.
 [List of 39 Subscribers ad sustentationem campanarum empt. hoc anno.]
 [Next 20s., by John Hopkyns, senior, and the rest range from 13s. 4d. and 6s. 8d. to 4d.]
 It. cvij lib. [of bell metal] de parochianis de Clowesworth hoc anno (eis?) venditis
 [i.e., old bells sold to Closworth] £vij vs. iiijd.
 Summa £xv ixs. vd.

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EXPENSES.

It. pro le cage campanarum de novo plena solutione lxvijs. iiijd.
 It. Roberto Cuffe de Yelchester pro duobus campanis ab ipso emptis hoc anno £xx.

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31-32 H. VIII. *A.D.* 1540-1.

J. PRYDELL AND W. GYLL, WARDENS, after Burford and Prydell.

De festo Annunciat.

RECEIPTS.

De dono Thome Solubriensis Episcopi in augmentationem camp. hoc anno vjs. viijd.
 It. de Johanne pro occupatione domus ecclesie hoc anno xijd.
 It. de J. Broke Ditto Ditto xijd.
 It. de J. Cuffe Ditto le Bruerne hoc anno viijd.

¹ Thomas Chard, Prior of Montacute, Rector of Tintinhull, by the Act of Appropriation in 1521. He had been consecrated in 1508 for Suffragan Service by a title "in partibus."

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EXPENSES.

Jo. Apsey, carpentario, tam ad deponendum iiij campanas quam ad levandum, necnon pro laboribus super ad emendandum campanas in clastico hoc anno.

It. Johanni Belluter¹ pro factura quatuor campanarum hoc anno xlvij^s.
[Smaller items about the bells, and buying oaks for finishing the tower roof.]

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32-33 H. VIII. *A.D.* 1541-2.

J. HOPKYNs THE ELDER, AND J. HOPKYNs THE YOUNGER, WARDENS.²

[The only receipts are from two Ales, two tenants for rent of the bakehouse, pasture in the moor, and for the rent of a little voyd place of ground in the churchyard.]

And for the increase of the holy loffe this year iiij^s. iiij^d.

[The expenses include still, but somewhat irregularly, outlay for wax, for holy taper and trendel, but there have not been any special collections for them since about A.D. 1485.]

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EXPENSES.

For our new clocke this year bought xxxiijs. iiij^d.

It. for the halfe price of the Bible this year bought vjs. vd.

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33-34 H. VIII. *A.D.* 1542-3.

Same Wardens.

RECEIPTS.

Of the vycary for the chamber in the bakehouse viij^d.

Of the increase of the holy loffe iiij^s. iiij^d.

Of the bequest of Margery Trott for her knell to be rongge iiij^d.

[A new entry.]

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EXPENSES.

[A new Pascal taper is bought, and the Trendel renewed twice.]

It. for the expenses of the wardens, and others called³ by the Byssop and his Mynister

iiij tymes xviiij^d.

It. for a chayne to hold the Bible iiij^d.

It. a cope and a surplice bought.

¹ Called also Bellman. He cast the bells at Chiselborough.

² The first account presented wholly in English.

³ Summoned to testify to Wardens' presentments at Visitation Court, as testes synodales or Sidesmen.

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I Ed. VI. ~~A.D.~~ 1547-8.

RIC. HOGG AND SYBIL SMYTH, WARDENS.

[The usual entries.]

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Paid for three visitations.

A cote, undercote, and ijs. is given in alms to J. Bremblecombe.

[A new entry.]

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Three knells and a burial paid for.

24-25 Hen. VIII. 1533-4.

THOS. AND J. PRYDELL, WARDENS.

25-26 Hen. VIII. 1534-5.

PRYDELL AND J. BAMPTON, WARDENS.

26-27 Hen. VIII. 1535-6.

[No record.]

27-28 Hen. VIII. 1536-7.

[No record.]

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38 Hen. VIII and I Edw. VI. 1547-8.

RICH. HOGG AND SYBIL SMYTH, WARDENS.

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ROB. PYCHER AND JOHN DOLLYNG, WARDENS, who follow Hogg and Smyth, 1st of Edw. VI.

[No account.]

JOHN DOLLYNG AND ROGER SERVE. No date.

[Probably 1557-8.]

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[No date.]

PETER TOWKER AND JOHN DOLLYNG, WARDENS.

Received of Jo. Pryddell and Jo. Stybbs xlvjs.

Balance £x vjs.

It from a St. Margaret's ale, a May's ale (*i.e.*, the old SS. Philip and James' ale), the Moor leaze.

It. from T. Bawnton for the Church house viijs.

It. of T. Hopkyns for part of the same howse viij*d*.

It. of my neyghbor Roger for the occupying of the Church howse viij*d*.

1558. ROGER SERY AND ROBERT HOSTLER, WARDENS.

1559. NAMES OF WARDENS AND BALANCES.

HOPKYNs AND TUCKER ljs.

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11 Eliz. [The Annunciation is the Day of Account.]

W. HOPKYNs AND R. BROWNE, WARDENS.

RECEIPTS.

From two Ales vjs. viij*d*.

EXPENSES.

£vj xiijs. ix*d*.

Balance £xiiij xiijs. ii*d*.

[The barest summary of totals.]

¹ Irregular entries. No audit sheet till p. 148, in 1568.

Morebath.



The records of this upland parish, lying within the borders of Devon, were selected for publication.

(1). Because extracts from them were presented by the then Vicar, Mr. Berkeley, to the Somerset Archæological Society in 1883, and printed in the Proceedings.

(2). Because the manor and the rectorial tithes formed part of the endowment of the neighbouring Priory of Barlynch in Somerset.

(3). Because of the intrinsic value of the entries, compiled as they were, by one person, viz., the Vicar, Sir Christopher Trychay, who being instituted in 1520, and living till 1574¹, saw *all* the fluctuations, which befell the ritual which he had cherished with the utmost zeal.

(4). Because of the intricacy of the organization and of some peculiar features.

The present Vicar, Mr. Binney, is now engaged in transcribing the whole document, which, being in loose portions greatly needs arrangement, and also annotation from local knowledge. In the belief that he will be able to give the record a more perfect rendering in a separate publication, it has been thought best to produce here, only such extracts as serve to display special features of the

FISCAL SYSTEM.

The noteworthy features were :—

1. The number of Stores, each in the interest of a separate devotion, supported by an associate body, with a separate balance sheet, audit-day and feast-day, the audit sometimes held by separate Wardens, sometimes by the High-Wardens. There were no less than eight separate accounts.

(1) Of St. George (the patron of the church); (2) Of the Store of Jesus; (3) Of our Lady; (4) St. Sidwell, *i.e.*, S. Ceadwold; (5) St. Antony; (6) The Alms light; (7) The Young Men, sometimes called Gromen, *i.e.*, Grooms; (8) The Maidens.

2. The large amount of sheep belonging to these stores, and the detailed insight into their management.

3. The appointment of a supernumerary body varying in number from three to nine, acting as controllers "for the governance of the Church Stocke."²

¹ His burial is recorded at the end of his book. He had resigned some little time earlier.

² This body, which is designated by no other name than the 3 men or 4 men, or whatever number it contained for the year, was probably in existence before 1520. It was elected by the parishioners, and accounted to them for the funds received from the various stores, and applied them as may be seen in the printed

4. The resort to Setts¹, *i.e.*, voluntary rates, to clear off debt or to meet voluntary outlays for the benefit of the community, *e.g.*, repair of Ex Bridge and Hucley Bridge.
5. The mode of collecting Peter's pence.
6. The mode of supporting the Parish Clerk.

In other respects, the funds were raised by the usual means, *viz.*, a Churchhouse and ales; gifts and bequests; livestock, such as bees and pigs; special collections for emergencies, once by an Easter play.

The spirit of self-help was very evident. In 1534, when a silver chalice was stolen from the Church, "ye yong men and maydyns of ye parysse dru them selffe togethers and w^t there gyfts and provysyon the bofth (bought) yn another challis w^t owt ony chargis of ye parysse." 81 donors raising 30s. In 1538-9, in spite of the warnings of the coming changes a special effort was made to buy a new cope, for which the subscribers paid £3. 6s. 8d. "and the Churche at no charge."

This spirit was strongly nurtured by the Vicar, who from 1528 onwards, gave his rights of woollithe accruing from the Church-flock towards the purchase of a suit of black vestments obtained at last at the cost of £6. 5s. in 1547.

Owing to the long incumbency of the Vicar, this is one of the most perfect records extant of the ritual revolutions. In most cases the disorder of the times confused the administration of the parish, or made the officers afraid of recording it, or led to the cutting out of pages. Two lists of vestments are printed below, to illustrate the methods employed on the one side by the spoilers, and on the other side by the guardians, of the endangered articles.

The following facts found in the Wardens' Account of 1537 are worthy of note :—

The Priory of Barlynch, with the manor and rectory of Morebath, passed into the hands of Hugh Powlett as lessee. The new Lord saved out of the wreck of the Priory Chapel a window, which he bestowed in its entirety, stone, glass and iron, on Morebath Church, valuing the gift at £3,² and bargaining that he should receive in return the prayers of that church. He left the parish to pay the costs of removal.

He seems to have been a close follower of his royal master, in applying the fruits of spoliation to securing for himself the credit of a benefactor and the spiritual benefits which he still believed to be obtainable by bounty to the Church.

N.B.—The language throughout is English with Latin sentences and notes interlarded, as in Leland and other writers who were used to recite Latin offices.

The Editor is obliged to rely on Messrs Berkeley's and Bennett's transcripts, for faithful rendering of the original, which has never been in his hands.

account. In the disputes about the Clerkship in 1536, it was accredited by the Visitation Court *pro re nata* but its relation to the High Wardens as well as its original cause of existence is left undefined. Probably the multiplicity of "Stores" with their conflicting claims and interests, led to the appointment of this unusual board.

¹ When the involuntary "Sett" comes in, it is collected not by the Wardens, but by the Civil Officer, the Tything-man. See p. .

² The parish valued it at £2.

EXTRACTS.

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| 1. The Bederoll. | | 5. Saint Sunday's Store Account. |
| 2. The High Wardens' Account. 1526-7. | | 6. Settlement of Clerk's Maintenance. |
| 3. The 5 Men's Account. 1526-7. | | 7. Lists of Vestments. 1549 and 1552. |
| 4. The Alms-light Account. 1526-7. | | |

*The Bederoll.**Orate pro animabus sequentibus.*

N.B.—Mem. that here after schall ye see and knoo how this church was prevaylyd by the dethe of all those persons that here after ys expressyd by name, the wyche all and synguler gefts was gewyn and bequevyd unto this church syn y Sir Chrystofer Trychay was made vicar here, the wyche was Anno Domini 1520, 30 die mensis Augusti et in eo anno dextera dominus exaltavit me cujus anime propitiatur Deus. Amen.

Primo. *A.D.* 1520.

JOHN HUCLY and RICHARD WEBBER, was Hye Wardyns of this church and how this church was prevaylyd by there wardyng scheppe [Wardenship] and by there tyme now schall ye see.

Jamys Radnynche gave a coppe to this church for the wyche was ressevyd . . . xxjd.

A.D. 1521.

Was Hye Wardyns of this church RIC. HUCLY and WYLMOTT AT TYMEWELL, and how this church was prevaylyd by there tyme now schall ye se.

Alsyn Hucly gave to this church viij*d.*

Christina Hurly, ecclesie xij*d.*

Dominus Robertus Williams, ecclesie iiij*d.*

Johannes More, filius Galfridi More, ecclesie xx*d.*

John Norman at cowrte payd vjs. viij*d.* for hys wyffes grave coram parochianos anno predicto.

A.D. 1522.

Was Hye Wardyns of this church WILLIAM ROBBYNS and THOMAS BORRAGE, and how this church, [&c., as before.]

W. Rumbelow gave to the Store of Sent Jorge a scheppe for the wyche was ressevyd xij*d.*

It. he bequevyd agayn to the almys ly3th another scheppe for the wyche was ressevyd xvj*d.*

It. he gave agayn to the store of owr laydy a scheppe for the wyche was ressevyd xij*d.*

It. he bequevyd another scheppe to the store of Sent Antoni for the wyche was ressevyd xij*d.*

Thomas Tymwell at hayne gave to the store of owr laydy of this church a scheppe for the wyche was ressevyd xvj*d.*

A.D. 1523.

Was Hye Wardyns of this churche JEKYN AT MORE and JAC. TYMEWELL and how this Church was prewaylyd by the dethe of any man by there tyme now schall ye see.

Margeria Lake gave to this churche in wex	vs.
It. sche gave agayn a awter clothe to Sent Sydwyl ys awter, and a bassyn of latyn to sett ly3th on afore Sent Sydwyl, prise of all	ijs.
Edward Trychay gave to the Church for his knyll	iiijd.
Johan at yaye . . . for her knyll	iiijd.
William Rowswell gave to the churche to be prayed for	ijs. iiijd.

A.D. 1524.

JOHN MORSE AND HARRY HURLEY, WARDENS, &c., as before.

And yf ye be yn any dowte of any man his gefth loke what [y]lere that ye wyll have and loke apon that acownte and there schall ye a see playnly what proffyth this churche toke by the dethe of any man.

Jekyn at More gave yn to this churche to dress Sent Sydwyl ys awter withall a pere of awter clothys ypayntyd and a bassyn of latyn that the Almys ly3th how doth stonde yn before the hye crosse, all in valew xiijs. iiijd.
and he lay in the quyr, where for the persson and my patrone¹ ressevyd . . . vjs. viijd.

A.D. 1525.

JOHN GOODMAN AND THOMAS NORMAN, WARDENS, &c., &c.

Thomas Zaer gave to the store of Sent Jorge of this churche a scheppe for the wyche was ressevyd	xjd.
It. he gave another scheppe to the Almys ly3th for wyche was rec.	xiiijd.
It. he gave agayn another to owr laydys store	xijd.
William Don gave to this churche to be prayed for	xxd.
It. he gave agayn to stande afore owr laydy a taper, prise of	xijd.

And of this W. Don ys gefte hyt spekyth not of yn John Goodmans acownte

A.D. 1526.

JOHN WATERUS AND JOHN NORMAN AT COWRTE, WARDENS, &c., &c.

Alicia Oblye servant Thome Zaer (conda conda ²) gave to the store of Sent Jorge	iiijd.
It. sche gave to the store of Jhu	iiijd.
It. sche dyde bequeffe agayn to the store of Sent Sydwyl	iiijd.
It. sche gave agayn to the Almys ly3th	iij.
John Holcum gave to this churche a Lent clothe ypayntyd, a Roode clothe ypayntyd, and a sepulture clothe ypayntyd, prise of all	xs.
Johannes Holcum major filius predicti Johannis Holcum gave to the store of Jhu	iiijd.

¹ Barlynch Priory, rector and patron.

² Quondam. See below sæpe.

It. he gave agayn to the store of Sent Sydwyll a scheppe, for wyche ressevyd . . . xvjd
 Thomas Holcum filius predicti Johannis Holcum gave unto this Church a super-alta¹
 yblessyd, prisse iijs. iiijd
 Johan Holcum filia predicti Johannis Holcum gave unto the store of owr laydy . . . iiijd.
 John Hurley gave unto the store of Jhu iiijd.
 It. he gave agayn unto Sent Sydwyll viijd.
 It. he gave to owr laydy iiijd.

Vicar's gifts at divers times.

{ Dominus Christoferus Trychay conda [quondam] istius ecclesie vicarii the
 furst ere that he was made vicar here he gave yn Sent Sydwyll and payd for
 her makyn and gyltyng xxxiijs. iiijd.
 It. by thys foresayd wardyns tyme he payd for the glassyng of the sowth west
 wyndow in the quyre xs.
 It. agayn by hys devotion and his peryssen² was payd for the tabyllment of
 Sent Sydwyll xl and viijs. iiijd. [48s. 4d.]
 It. agayn this foresayd Sir Christofer payd for on pere [one pair] of the sute of
 white vestments xijs. iiijd.
 And all this foresayd he gave to this church thoff [though] hyt appear not apon
 the cownte of this ere.

A.D. 1527.

WILLIAM AT POLE AND GEFFERY SMY3TH, WARDENS, &c.

Benefits received by the dethe of any man, or by the quycke.

John Tymewell at Hayne gave to the store of Jhu iij scheppe, prisse iijs.
 The wych scheppe was gevyn to this entent to mayntayn ly3th afore the fugar [figure]
 of Jhu and yn this entent the peryssyn [parishioners] hathe ressevyd this scheppe
 and doth entende to fynde [allot] the encressyng of the scheppe to the same
 entent.

A.D. 1528.

MARGYT AT BORSTON AND RICHARD RAW, WARDENS, &c.

torne [turn] over lyffe.

William at Pole vel potter gave his part of beys [bees] that rested with John Morsse
 at his departyn, to the store of Jhu to mayntayn a lamppe barnyg afore the
 fugar of Jhu, and afore Sent Sydwyll every prinssipall feste yn the ere, to barne
 from the furste ensong [evensong] untill hys masse be don the morow, the wyche
 beys ware yn valure at William at Pole ys departyng ijs. viijd.
 It. he gave agayn to the store of Sent Antony a scheppe for wyche was ressevyd . . . xijd.
 Also to the store of Jhu a sheep, & xijd.
 Also to the Almys light a sheep, & xijd.
 „ to the store of Owr Laydy a sheep, & xijd.
 It. he dyd bequeffe agayn to a new image of owr laydy vjs. viijd.

¹ *i.e.*, a slab for a side altar.

² Parishioners.

It. for hys grave for he lyeth yn the almatory vjs. viij*d*.
 Geffery More gave to the store of Jhu a scheppe for wyche was ressevyd xij*d*.
 It. to the store of owr laydy a sheep, & xij*d*.
 He bequeathes to the store of S. George a lamb, & v*d*.
 He gave to the store of S. Sydwyll ij sheep, & ijs.
 Johan Hyllyer of Bawnton gave to this Church a banner ypayntyd of Sent Sydwyll
 in on syde and Sent Jorge yn the other syde, prisse of xv*d*.
 It. sche gave agayn a canstycke of lattyn to stonde afore Sent Sydwyll, prisse v*d*.
 Apon the wyche canstycke sche doth mayntayn a taper before Sent Sydwyll trymmyd
 with flowrs to borne there every hye and princypall fests, this she dothe entende
 to mayntayne whyll sche lyvyth, gracia divina.

A.D. 1529.

THOMAS BORRAGE AND THOMAS TYMWELL AT COME, &c.

Summa actenus predict. gifts and bequests £xj iij*s*. v*d*.
 Thomas Trychay of Collumstoke gave unto the store of Jhu, and to the store of Sent
 Sydwyll a sworme of beys to mayntayne a taper before them, the wyche beys
 restyth now in John Morsse ys keypyng to halfe mone [money] and John Morsse
 schall fynde the botts [butts]. It. he payd agayn for on pere of the sute of
 whytte vestments, prisse of xiiij*s*.
 Elnor Nicoll gave to the store of Jhu a lytyll sylver crosse perssyll [parcel] gylte of
 valure iiij*d*.
 It. sche gave agayn to the store of Sent Sydwyll her weddyng ryng in valure viij*d*.
 the wyche ryng dyde hylppe make Sent Sydwyll ys scowys [shoes].¹
 Water More² a yong man gave to the store of S. Jorge xx*d*.
 " " " " of owr laydy xx*d*.
 " " bequeathed to that of Jhu xx*d*.
 " " " of Sent Sydwyll xx*d*.
 " " the Almys ly3th iiij*d*.
 John Tayler, aliter Josse, a yong man gave to the store of Jhu xx*d*.
 " " " " of Sent Sydwell xx*d*.
 " " " he bequethed to the store of owr laydy viij*d*.
 " " " to the Almys ly3th iiij*d*.
 Thys ij gifts of Water More and John Tayler apperyth apon the cownte of the v men
 anno predicto.

¹ St. Sydwyll [Ceadwold]'s shoes. Compare the following passage from Bishop Hall's Fourth Satire:—

“Whoever gives a *paire of velvet shooes*
To th' Holy Rood, or liberally allowes
 But a new rope to ring the couvrefeu bell,
 But he desires that his great deed may dwell,
 Or graven in the chancel window glass,
 Or in his lasting tombe of plated brasse.”

² One of the brotherhood of young men or grooms.

Christina Tymewell bequevyd her best gowne to helpe to bye a new image of owr laydy for the wyche gowne was ressevyd	iijs.
Johan Rumbelow made this churche her sector ¹ to this entent that her goodds that were lefth when sche was brofth yn yerthe schulde be bestowyd apou a new image of owr laydy, so when sche was beryd and every thyng contendyd [settled] the vantage that this churche toke by her dethe was clere to helpe to by a new image	xxjs.
Margarett Holcum gave to this church to helpe to by a new Sent Jorge	xxs.
It. sche gave agayn to helpe to new gylte Sent Sydwyll	vs.
It. for her grave for sche lyeth yn the almatory	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
Thys gefth must cum yn yn this next acownte over leve.	

A.D. 1530.

JEKYN ISAC AND WILLIAM TYMEWELL AT WODE, WARDENS, &c., &c.

Thomas Tymewell at Come to helpe to by the sutte of whytte vestments he gave	xxvjs. viij <i>d</i> .
It. for hys grave for he lyeth yn the Almatory	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
And a scheppe to owr laydy, prisse	xvj <i>d</i> .
He gave agayn to the Almys ly3th a scheppe, prisse	xx <i>d</i> .
„ Sent Sondag a scheppe, prisse	xx <i>d</i> .
A pere of lyne [linen] auter clothys, prisse	iijs. iiij <i>d</i> .

A.D. 1531.

THOMAS RUMBELOW AND JOHN NORMAN AT WODE, WARDENS, &c.

Alsyn Zaer gave unto the store of Sent Sydwyll a pere of beds and a gurdyll for the wyche was ressevyd	vijjs. iiij <i>d</i> .
And for this mony was madyn Sent Sydwyll ys showys.	
Christina Norman at Wode sche gave unto the store of Sent Jorge	xx <i>d</i> .
It. to the store of owr laydy a gurdyll for which rec.	xiijs.
It. a lattyn canstykke of v lyzthys stondyng afore the fugar of Jhu, prisse of	vij <i>d</i> . vj <i>d</i> .
It. a kercher to the store of S. Sydwyll, prisse	vij <i>d</i> .
It. another kercher to owr laydy, prisse	vj <i>d</i> .
Also sche lyeth yn the almatory for the wyche grave there ys payd	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
Summa actenus	£xx.
William Robbyns a yong man gave to the Churche	iijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
It. he gave agayn a cotte [coat] for wyche was ressevyd	xij <i>d</i> .
Alsyn Gupworthy gave to this churche	iiij <i>d</i> .
Margytt Chasse „ „	iiij <i>d</i> .
Johan Trychay the dofter of Leuys Trychay gave to the new image of owr laydy	iiij <i>d</i> .

¹ Executor, meaning legatee also; see in 1531 the like case of Kate Robyns, whose will was administered by the Wardens.

Johan Hucly, puella, and filia Richard Hucly sche gave a canstyke of v lyzthys to
 stonde afore the new image of owr laydy the wyche cost her fader . . . viijs. v^d.
 And to the Almys lyzth iiij^d.

 1532.

ROBERT AT HAYNE AND WILLIAM MORSE, WARDENS, &c., &c.

William Robbysn gave unto thys church a awter clothe payntyd of Sent Jorge, and
 a stremer payntyd of Sent Jorge yn bothe sydes. Also he gave a crucifix of Mary
 and John to make a pax of. Summa in valure of this hyt cost . . . xvs.
 Johan Trychay dyde bequeffe unto the store of Jhu and of Sent Sydwyl a bott of beys
 the wyche restyth with William Morse.
 Alsyn the dofter of Thomas Tymwell at come sche gave to the store of owr laydy a
 scheppe, and another to the Almys lyzth all in valur iijs.
 Johan Grenaway gave to this church a corporas with a casse blessyd, yn valur . . . iijs. iiij^d.
 Ketryn Robbysn gave and bequefyd and by her dethe this church was v nobylls
 the better with the pall of satyn that was made yn her behalf [given to the parish
 after her burial.]

 1533.

RICHARD WEBBER, WILLIAM NORMAN AT LAWTON, WARDENS, &c., &c.

John Norman at Wode was buryed yn the yle before Sent Sydwyl the viij day of
 February anno predicto, fer wyche grave was payd vjs. viij^d.
 And he gaye unto the Church to help to by a pere of latyn cansticks with the grave
 mony xxvjs. viij^d

 1534.

WILLIAM AT TYMWEEL AND JOHN TAYLER, WARDENS, &c., &c.

Cecyly Tymwell at Hayne geve and bequeved to the church her best gowne for the
 wyche gowne her husband Nicholas at Hayne brostch [brought] yn to this church
 a awter clothe of sylke the prisse of xiijs. iiij^d, and for his wyfe's grave . . . vjs. viij^d.
 Harry Hurly gave yn to Sent Sydwyl ys awter a pere of canstycks of latyn prisse . . . xx^d.
 John Don at Exbryge, a yong man, gave and bequeved to this church a pellow of
 sylke, prisse of iijs. iiij^d.
 Christofer Morse, filius W. Morse, bequeved to this church iiij^d.

 1535.

THOMAS BORRAGE AND WILLIAM LEDDON, WARDENS, &c., &c.

Richard Tymwell gave to the store of Jhu a ramme hogg, prisse of x^d.

A.D. 1536.

THOMAS AT TYMWELL AND WILLIAM SCELY, WARDENS, &c., &c.

Sir Edward Nicoll gave unto this church a sepulture clothe ystaynyd to lay upon the
[Easter] sepulture, prisse of vs. jd.

A.D. 1537.

HARRY HURLY AND JOHN HUCLY, WARDENS, &c., &c.

John Webber and Christina Waterus, thys ij persons causyd the sylyng agaynst the
syde awter to be madyn to there frendds costs to the savyng of awter clothys [by
arresting dust, &c., falling from unceiled roof].

John Tristram at Bawnton, the lawer, gave a borde stoke to this church, prisse of xxd.
Annys Tymwell at Hayne gave to this church her gowne and a ryng, prisse of xijs.,
the whyche mony went to a coppe [cope].

Johan Tymwell at Wode gave to this church her gowne and her gurdyll, prisse
xiijs. iiijd., of the wyche mony ther was bestowyd in the [payntyng, partly crossed
out] agaynst the hye awter and for the bords viijs. iiijd., the vs. went to a new
cope.

John Morse gave to the tylyng of this church with the nobyll for his grave xxvjs. viijd.

John Goodman gave to the tylyng of this church (what or with) his dofters gefte
Christia, viij scheppe, and a lamme, prisse xiijs. vjd., and this ij gefts payd for all
this tylyng of the church.

M. Hu Powlytt gave to this church on of the glasse wyndows of Barlych with the
yre and stone and all prisse xls.

William Hucly, the son of Richard Hucly, gave to this church for his knyll iiijd.

A.D. 1538.

THOMAS NORMAN AND RICHARD HUCLY, WARDENS, &c.

Jone Sawyn gave to this church to have her knyll rong here iiijd.

Elizabeth Crosse of Cleanger gave to the church for her knyll xijd.

Thomas Zaer, a yong man, dyde bequeffe to this church a ramme scheppe, prisse of xijd.

Jone uxor Ric. Webber condam bequevyd to the church a gowne and curtyll, yn
prisre of xiijs. iiijd., the wyche mony went to a new cope

A.D. 1539.

JOHN NORMAN AT COWRTE AND RICHARDE ROBYNS, WARDENS, &c.

Rycharde Norman dyde bequeffe to this church vij scheppe and iijs. iiijd. in mony
the wyche in the hole was xs.

And for his grave afore the hye crosse vjs. viijd.

And all this went to a new coppe.

John Hucly gave and bequefyd to this church for to help to bye a new coppe	xs.
John Swyzth bequeved to this church vs. that went to a awter clothe.	.
Harry Tanner gave to this church to have a knell for hys wyffe.	iiijd.
It. of the geft of John Waterus a ramme, prisse	xijd.
Of the bequesth of W. Goodman a scheppe, prisse	xvjd.
Of the bequesth of Eboll Hurly to the black vestments that Harry Hurly hadde	vs.

℞.℥. 1540.

WILLIAM LEDDON THAT SPELYD¹ JOHN SWYZTH AND ROBERT AT MORE, WARDENS, &c.

For the knell of Robt. at More his fader yn law	iiijd.
It. of the bequesth of Jone at Pole a banner of sylke and of Sent Jorge, prisse	xs.
„ of the bequesth of Phels Swyzth, that went to the black vestments	vs.
„ of the bequesth of W. Norman, that went to the stremer	vs.
„ of the bequesth of Eliz Hucly, that went to a new stremer	vs.

Summa totalis gefts actenus ys [this] a kownt (?) respice post in folio lxxxv, a £x.

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Hereafter followeth more gefts.

℞.℥. 1541.

RIC. RAW AND LEUYS TRYCHAY, HIGH WARDENS

Jone at Cowrtleys gave to the church, that went to the streamer	iijs. iiijd.
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℞.℥. 1542.

W. TYMWELL AT COME AND JONE MORSE, HIGH WARDENS.

Tho. Tymwell at Bradford gave	viijd.
Christina Tayler bequeathed an altar cloth, price	iijs. iiijd.

℞.℥. 1543.

W. TYMWELL AT WODE AND JONE GOODMAN, HIGH WARDENS.

Harry Hurly gave to the black vestments	vjs. viijd.
Edith Raw gave a wether, price	ijs.

℞.℥. 1544.

HARRY HAYLE AND JOHN GU.

John Morse, a young man, gave to the black vestments	iijs. iiijd.
The Vicar, Sir Ch. Trychey, gave to the same for Mr. Edward Sydenham his	
book and vjs. ecclesia habuit.	

¹ *I.e.*, Supplied the place of—used again in same sense. See Glossary.

[illegible]

A.D. 1545.

W. MORSE AND JOHN NORMAN AT POLE, HIGH WARDENS.

For the knell of William Kempe iiij*d*.

A.D. 1546.

JOHN TAYLER AND J. TYMWELL AT BORSTON, HIGH WARDENS.

Annys Morse gave a curtle, sold for vs., which went to the black vestments.

A.D. 1547.

W. LEDDON AND TH. BORRAGE, HIGH WARDENS.

Jone Kympe gave to the church to be prayed for, to the black vestments		iijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Roic. Flyd gave to the church to be prayed for		iijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Alsyn Isac gave to the black vestments		iijs. iiij <i>d</i> .

A.D. 1548.

LUCE [LUCY] SCELY WAS HIGH WARDEN.

[And by her time the church goods was sold away without commission (ut patet postea) and no gifts given to the church, but all from the church; and this it continued from Luce's time to Richard Cruce, and from Cruce unto Ric. Hucly, and from Hucly to Ric. Robyns; from him to Robyn at More, and by all these men's time, which was by the time of King Edward VI, the church ever decayed, and then did the King and Queen Mary Grace succeed; and how the church was restored again by her time hereafter ye shall have knowledge of it. And in the last year of the King, and in the first year of the Queen was Leuys Trychay high warden.]

END OF THE BEDEROLL.

HIGH WARDENS' ACCOUNT.

1526-7.

THE COWNTE OF WILLIAM AT POLE and GEFFERY SMYȝTH beyng hye wardyns of the goodds
and the cattyl [chattels] of the hye store of Sent Georgii the ere of owr kyng and the
ere of owr lordie before rehersyd the xxvij day of October madyn.

In primis recets.

Mem. that y William at pole resseyvd at the begynnyng of my wardynscheppe of the
wolde wardyns , xxij^s. j^d. ob.

- It. y ressevyd agayn of John at Cowrte ys cownte vs. ij*℥*.
 It. for the flyes [fleece] of wolle and the talowe of a lamme v*℥*.
 It. we made frely of owr cherche ale all costs quytte iiij marks, vs. j*℥*.
 It. of the gesthe¹ of John at hayne to the store of Jhu iij yowe scheppe of the wyche
 scheppe John Norman, senior, hath one and John at Cowrte hathe another, and
 William at pole hathe the wother [other].
 It. John Waterus hathe a yowe lamme of the store of Jhu that came from William
 Tywell this ere.
 It. William Robbyns hathe a yowe hogg of the store of Jhu, also that came from
 W. Tywell this ere.
 It. W. Tywell hathe a yowe of the store of Jhu and her lamme of this ere was delivered
 to Waterus ut predictum est.
 Summa of the wolle of this for sayd scheppe is viij pownde, and lamme-towe of one
 lame not val. (?) pro dec. lame hoc anno et pro dec. ij agnarum debet.
 Summa of the scheppe ys v in nomber and a lamme.
 Deb. It. John Dore ys in deb. agayn the cherche for the space of his wardynscheppe
 as yt ij pownde of wex or xv*℥*. for at hys plesure the whyche he will pay to the
 new wardyn John at Borston agayn Ester [Easter] next commyng of hys fydelite
 before the paryche promisyd.
 deb. It. W. Robbyns ys contentyd for hys debt the whych ys iijs. iiij*℥*. to bye a new
 canapy to hong over the sacrament when ye wyll and yff hyt cost more he wyll
 ley more to hyt and yf hyt cost not so moche ye schall have the reste.
 deb. It. William Hurly of Bawnton [Bampton] to this cherche diu deb iijs. iiij*℥*.
 Summa totalis receptionis ys £iiij vjs. ij*℥*. ob.
 Unde petit allocari pro necessariis Expensis ut sequitur.

COSTS.

- It. y paid to William Smyrte for fre stone ix*s*.
 „ for vij pownde of wex for the iij tapers afore the hye crosse and the precessional
 tapers iiij*s*.
 „ for iiij bell ropys ijs. x*℥*.
 „ for payntyn of the lente clothe and the rowde [Rood] clothe after the bequythe of
 John at Borston ijs.
 „ for iiij yerds of lynce[n] clothe for the sepulture with the hemmyng of the same . . . xv*℥*.
 „ for makyn of ij gurdylls for the vestments and for mendyng of the coppe . . . ij*℥*.
 „ for mendyng of the bell collers and for thongg ij*℥*.
 „ for grese for the bells for the hole ere ij*℥*.
 „ for setting y[n] of the borde to the cherche-howse scev [? seven] fotte and the barys
 [barrs] of the quire dore iiij*℥*.
 „ for vij pownds of wex for the pascall taper and the wyvyn [wives'] taper . . . iiij*s*. j*℥*.
 „ for ij yryn bars for the quire dore and a pare of twysts for the hache xv*℥*.
 „ for the cherche ale howse dore loke and for the setting viij*℥*. ob.
 „ for a dirige for the benefactors of this cherche iiij*℥*.

¹ Quest, or perhaps gefthe = gift.

Morebath Church-Wardens' Accounts.

It. for the cherche howse rente for this ere	iiij <i>℥</i> .
„ for mendyng of the ij ratchetts for the clerke	ij <i>℥</i> .
„ for makyn of the pascall taper	ij <i>℥</i> .
„ for makyn of all wother wex all this ere paste that belongyth to the hye wardyns	v <i>℥</i> d.
„ for francke and sensse [frankincense] and for wyke yerne for the hole ere	ij <i>℥</i> . ob.
„ for iij powndes of wex for the presessionall tapers and for Jhu his taper	xxij <i>℥</i> .
„ for the payntyn of the sepulture clothe	xx <i>℥</i> .
„ to the plommer for mendyng of the gutter apou the cherche, and the gutter of the towre yn mette and drenke and wage	xxiiij <i>℥</i> . ij <i>℥</i> .

Not [Notes] the plommer. And here after he to mayntayne and kepe the same gutters and to fynde hemself and the sawder to his own proper coste and charge, exseppte that we doo new caste hyt and he to have for hys fee at lammas of us ijs. if hyt rayne not yn to the cherche thorffe [through] hys defawte.

„ to Andrewe for cuttyng of wode and for caryeng of same	vij <i>℥</i> .
„ for nayles to nayle the ledde	vij <i>℥</i> .
„ to the raers for rayng the grette stoke in wages	xxij <i>℥</i> .
„ for their mette and drenke for that wyke	ijs.
„ for ij pownde of wex	xiiij <i>℥</i> .
„ for a sake of lyme caryge and all	x <i>℥</i> .
„ for a hylyer ¹ to mende the towre and the almatorye ² yn mette and drenke and wages	x <i>℥</i> d.
„ for ij crests for the almatory but a	j <i>℥</i> .
„ for wrytyng of this acownte with all wother aconttes of this cherche by the ere	j <i>℥</i> .

Summa totalis £iij xiijs. iiij*℥*. ob.

Thys aforesayd alowyd here is elyd [yielded] in clere all costs quytte xijs. ix*℥*. ob.

And viij powndes of wolles and the wolles of one lamme and apou thys there ys amytted wardyn Margyt at Borston and Ric. Raw and to the wydow Margytt this forsayd mony and the wolles was delyveryd the ere and the day before reheryd.

In eodem die the cownte of the v men.

Mem. that John Norman, senior, and William Tywell and Robert Tywell and John Norman the yonger, and Richard Huclly thys ere they rescevyd of the yong men stoke xxvjs. viij*℥*. and of owre lady stoke xvs., and of the cherche stoke at the last acownte vijs. iiij*℥*. Summa xlvijjs. x*℥*d., the wyche resty³th as ytt yn the v men ys handes the ere and the day before reheryd.

THE COWNTE OF THE V MEN [for 1526-7.]

Mem. that the v men hadde yn ther kepyn this tyme twelmoth xlvijjs. x*℥*d.

And thereto they have ressevyd agayn this ere of the yong men wardyns v nobyls and of our laydy ys cownte xiijs. iiij*℥*.

And this day at this acownte they have received of Margyt at Borston xxs.

Summa totalis ys now £vj xvs. vij*℥*.

Unde petunt alloc. for expensis.

It. for makyn of the enter crosse³ in part of payment xxvjs. viij*℥*.

¹ Tiler.

² An Aisle, so called.

³ A partition, probably a Parclose.

Thys alowed, there restyth yt styll yn the v men ys handds *£*iiij viijs. xjd., the ere and the day before expressyd.

Summa of all the cownts of this ere with the maydyns acownte the ressets [h]actenus
ys *£*vj xixs. viij*d.*

THE ALMYS LYGTH YS ACOWNT. [1526-7.]

The cownte of William at Lawton beyng Wardyng of the Almys lygth madyn in eodem die of the yong men acownte ut predict. est.

In primis rec.

Mem. that y ressevyd of the wolde wardyn at the begynnynge of my ere	v <i>d.</i> ob.
It. for the scheppe of the bequysth of Wat pole	xij <i>d.</i>
It. of the bequyste of John Tayler	iiij <i>d.</i>
It. of the bequyste of Water More	iiij <i>d.</i>
Summa	ijs. jd. ob.

Wher of y aske allowance for wex and for makyn for the hole ere yn the basyn ix*d.* ob]
Thys costs alowyd here ys ecyld [yielded] yn clere all costs quytte vjd.
And upon this ys amytte wardyn for this ere follyng John Tayler and to hem this
forsayd mony ys delyveryd the ere and the day before reherseyd.

STORE OF SAINT SONDAY.

1538.

Moreover hereafter followeth y^e Count of the store of Sent Sunday, ye which JOHN NORMAN at Court, is yearly warden of.

PRIMO: RECEIPTS.

Mem^m, that this last year then rested in John Norman's hands xxiiij*d.*
And to this he hath received for the wool of this year of this foresaid store js. iiij*d.*
Also he received again for his ewe and her lamb of this year, and for a ram hog that came from Robt. at Hayne, and for Robt. at Hayne his ewe's lamb of this year, for all these iiij he received ijs. and iiij*d.*
Also John Norman hath in his keeping as yet, a ewe hog, and a ewe that came from Robt. at Hayne, and as for John at Court's ewe and her lamb, was sold ut predixi
—Richard Norman hath a wether in his keeping.
Thomas Borrage a wether is gone I wyne [ween].
Robt. at Hayne's ewe is delivered to John at Court, and her lamb and the ram hog was sold ut predictum est.

Summa totalis Rec. is vere, vijs. and vij*d.*
unde, he asketh allowance as hereafter foloweth pro expensis.

PRIMO.

It. for iiij schepyn lesse [leaze] xij*℥*.
 It. for wax and wick and making for the whole year v*℥*.
 Summa xvii*℥*. This cost allowed then resteth still in John Norman's ward clear [one
 of the iiij men], v*℥*s. and j*℥*. ann. et die preedic. and for this money the iiij men
 shall count hereafter, and our lady warden shall count for these sheep and all
 other sheep concerning the church in future.

NOTE.—Let all the Church sheep in future be put in our lady mark full, what store so
 ever they be off.

THE CLERKSHIP.

A fresh award made of the clerkship by Mr. John Sydenham, and by 3 men of the
 parish chosen for the purpose by the parish.

A.D. 1536.

W. Leddon would not pay his stitch¹ of corn to the clerk according to the award of 1531,
 two others would not pay the iiij*℥*. Nor the cots at Exbridge their quarterlage according to
 that award.

Therefore the vicar would mell [meddle] no more with the clerkship, because he could
 not have his duty paid without displeasure of the parish.

He therefore gave warning to the parish at Christmas to provide a clerk by Our Lady in
 Lent following.

For lack of a clerk at the busy time of Easter, the whole parish desired the Vicar to find
 one until a little after Easter.

When at that time they could not agree about a clerk, 4 honest men were chosen to
 govern the parish in all causes, concerning the wealth of the church, under orders at Visita-
 tion, viz., the Vicar, J. Norman, H. Hurly, and T. Rumbelow (that spelyd John Swyȝth at
 that time), they to go home and invite Mr. J. Sydenham to join them.

On a day appointed, a Sunday, Mr. J. Sydenham and the summoner asked of every man
 by name, if they would accept these men who had been chosen by the Ordinary, and their
 decision. They chose the same, and 26 consented to accept their decision, again 5
 dissentients. They could not therefore agree, and there was no clerk at evensong, nor on the
 morrow which was S. George's Day, wherefore the church was homely served that day. In
 so much that when upon the morrow of S. George's Day, the Vicar should say Mass for
 Mark's child at Exbridge. Tho' Mark was glad to go to John at Cowrte to fetch the Church
 door key, and the chalice, and also he fetched old J. Waterus to help the Vicar to Mass
 before he could have any Mass said for his child, and all was for lack of a clerk. And when
 Mass was done, we went to William at Tymwell, to the betrothing of Margyd Tymwell and
 William Tayler, and there all that day we reasoned shamefully about our Clerkship,
 insomuch that Mark and W. Leddon were almost by the ears for the same cause, because
 W. Leddon had not brought home his corn before Michaelmas, as well as he did the

¹ Stitch, s. Ten sheaves set up on end, elsewhere known as a shock. *Jennings' Som. Dict.*

Tuesday afore the Visitation, the which was half a bushel of rye, and the last pec by hyppe,¹ so in conclusion the parish wholly concluded there and said let us have a fresh day of communication, and we will be ordered every one of us.

Whereupon they desired the Vicar to find them a clerk again till a fresh day of communication, and at the parishioners' desire so did he till the Sunday after Rogation week. And in the mayne space,² Mr. Hu Powlytt³ kept court at Morebath, and he exhorted the foresaid 5 persons, and so did Mr. Hu Stickly also that they should be contented to be ordered as the most part of the parish were, and if they would not, he would order them he said.

So a fresh day was appointed upon all those who would not be ordered by Mr. J. Sydenham and the four men were cited to appear. The day was Sunday before Rogation week. Then was the parish again singularly [one by one] demanded by name if they would accept an order made by Mr. Sydenham, and the 3 of the 4 men (for the fourth man, Robert at Hayne, was sick at that time), and all that were in the church said ye [yea], and there lacked no more that day, but William at Tymwell, and William Leddon, and William Scely. Therefore because they were contented to abide by the order of Mr. Sydenham and the 3 men, the citation was void.

So with Mr. Sydenham's advice, they concluded that henceforth it shall be the clerk's duty by our award, to have whatsoever he hath had afore this, to the intent to have more unity and peace among us, and to have the Church better served. Primo; he shall have a stetch of clean corn of hevery [every] house, where there is corn upon the bargain as Brochole and wother moo.⁴ And he that hath no clean corn shall pay a stetch of wots [oats], and he that hath no corn shall pay the clerk iij*z.* for his stetch, and ij*z.* a coter [cottar], as hyt hath been in times past.

The clerk shall demand his stetch in this manner. Once he shall come for hem, and if he be a redy, and yff not he shall come again, and then if the stetch be not sufficient he shall leave hem till that some of the persons who made the award do see it; and then if the stetch be sufficient, after their inspection, then the clerk shall fett him, and if he be not sufficient, then the clerk without any business shall fett a stetch with Richard Hucly, and if it be in the west part of the parish; and if it be in the east part of the parish he must fett his stetch with John Norman at Cowrte, for these two men are surety to the clerk to see all his duty paid truly unto him that these present men have ordered, without any trouble or vexation, and the whole parish hath made their answer unto these two aforesaid men that they will were⁵ them harmless, and if any froward fellow will not pay his duty to the clerk according to this award, and also and if the clerk be warned to fet his stetch and peradventure he cannot come for him by and by, then the onner [owner] of the ground shall keep him till he come; also he shall have j*z.* a quarter of every householder, and the clerk shall have at every wedding ij*z.*; also at every corsse [corpse] present, and at every month's end that is sung by note, the clerk shall have ij*z.*; also the clerk shall be charged with nothing saving only with one challis, and with the church dore key, this for to keep and hide as he will do his own. Also he shall go about the parish once a year with his holy water, when men have shorn their sheep to gather some wool to make him cotts to goo yn [coats to go in] the parish's

¹ Heap.

² Meanwhile.

³ Grantee of the Manor.

⁴ Other more.

⁵ *I.e.*, bear.

livery. And here for the clerk shall help the warden to make up the vestments, and to dress the altars. And also for this year ondy [only] for losing of his duty in times past ; the parish shall help to drienk¹ [drink] him a cost of ale,² the Sunday upon Trinity Sunday (et sic factum esset et ibi essent omnes, dumtaxat, Borston, and Scely, Webber and William Norman). Also at every Easter hereafter the clerk shall gather his hire meat, and then the parish shall help to drink him a cost of ale in the Church house.

This is all the [a]ward of Mr. John Sydenham and William Tymwell at Wode, and John Norman at Cowrte, and Richard Hucly, did make upon the clerkship, anno et die predicto, before the perryssin,³ and John Dyffe, then being bayly [bailiff] there, under Mr. Hu Powlytt⁴ and Matthew the sumner [summoner]. In witness whereof, this note was made here upon this account book to testify truly the clerk his duty and our award to avoid all other unconveniens.

1549.

VESTMENTS AND COPES. R. Hucly's Account.

Mem^m that in eodem die there rested with John Norman at Court, a suit of black vestments of Fustain naps, and a cope concerning the same *qd. iterum deliveravit ecclesie*.⁵

W^m at Comb habet the suit of white vestments.

Nicolus at Hayne habet the vestment of red velvet and the altar cloth of red satin.

Thomas Rumbelow habet the Lent vestments of blue.

It. the cope of red velvet and the cope of blue satin, *restant nunc in ecclesia*.

John Norman at Pool habet the streamer and the banner rolled in an altar cloth, and the blue vestments, *restant nunc in ecclesia*.

Will^m Hurley habet the black pall of satin.

1552.

NOTA BENE.

That, in anno predicto, John at Court, Will^m at Come, John at Borston, and Lewis Trickay, did deliver unto Mr. Gawyn Carow⁶ [Carew] at Exeter, and to Antony Harvy and Mr. Hache a cope of blue satin, another cope of red velvet with splede egylls of gold, a blue velvet tunicle with splede egylls, a silken tunicle of blue with broncs [*sic*] of gold, a pax of silver of iiij ounces and half parcel gilt, and the paten of the less chalice of ij ounces and half, and this was all the church goods that they had in anno predicto.

END OF MOREBATH ACCOUNTS.

¹ *I.e.*, to brew a special Ale in his benefit.

² These were called Clerk-Ales.

³ Parishioners.

⁴ Lessee, or grantee of Barlynch.

⁵ The Latin notes in italics were added after the restoration of the hidden articles in Queen Mary's reign.

⁶ A similar commission, given to Courtenay and Ford, had in June 1551-2 conveyed the bell-furniture to Sir A. Champernown and Mr. Chichester under Royal grant.

⁷ Eagles displayed.

St. Michael's, Bath.

1349-1575.

Wardens' Account Rolls.

This collection, the most important in the county, was carefully edited by the Rev. Prebendary Pearson in 1878, and printed in the Somerset Archæological Proceedings of that year and the following ones. It is in the hands of most of the members of our Record Society, and therefore not here reprinted beyond a sample of the oldest Roll, giving the normal form, and language and entries of the Accounts. Some of the peculiar words are dealt with in the Glossary.

Its special value for historical purposes lies :—

1. In its early age, 1349, being the earliest Warden's Account known to me.
2. In its comparative continuity, ranging, with small intervals, through 226 years.
There are 77 rolls ; 67 in Latin, 10 in English, most of them well preserved.
3. In the complete organization which it represents from the earliest date to the latest, and with very little variation, in spite of vast ritual changes, and ruthless spoliation.
4. In its illustration of the working of the Church in a city parish with a trading burgher-population.

ITS FISCAL SYSTEM

has some peculiar features, viz. :—

1. The occasional Allowance to the Wardens pro stipendio *xijd.* I have never seen elsewhere anything allowed to these officers for discharge of *Duties*, or anything beyond repayment for extraordinary demands on time and purse. It was incumbent in foro conscientiae on every adult member of the church to serve the office, and he or she was compellable in foro externo, *i.e.*, in the spiritual court. The wardens in office were also held to be compellable by penalty to do their duties—see the case in this parish of a fine imposed, 18th Henry VIII.
2. The feasting at audit-time. This was perhaps not rare custom, but it appears in these accounts more undisguisedly than elsewhere.
3. A small flock of sheep, an intractable possession for a town parish. Sometimes their run was paid for, and then the wool and lambs were brought into the Wardens' receipts—sometimes, as in 1536, the flock was let out at a money rent.

4. A continually growing Endowment in land and houses, rising in yearly value from 10s. 9d. in 1349, to £11. 18s. 8d. in 1540. These properties were charged with obituary payments, which indicate the primary motive of the donors. They laid upon the wardens a heavy burden of house-agency. The entries for repairs and management have been duly noted by Prebendary Pearson, but their interest is secular, not ecclesiastical.
5. Partition of duties between the two wardens, one being specially elected as bursar, "portare bursam."
6. The sufficiency of ordinary revenue from endowment, aided by gifts and bequests, for the handsome maintenance of the church, without habitual recourse to the Church-house and its revelries, which formed the mainstay of the country wardens. Ales were relied on, now and then, see 3rd Henry VI, and also gatherings for special objects, see one "inter parochianos ad lapidiodium" in same year, when the Lady Chapel was in rebuilding. The parish seems to have relied wholly upon its own resources.

Church-Wardens' Accounts.

No. I.

CIVITAS BATHON.

Compotus Thome le Mason et Thome le Tannere procuratorum ecclesie beati Michaelis extra portam borealem ejusdem civitatis a die Dedicationis ecclesie predicto anno Domini Millesimo ccc^{mo} XLIX.

ARRERAGIA.

Idem receperunt de xxiijs. viij^d. de arreragiis ultimi compoti precedentis.

REDDITUS.

Idem receperunt de ijs. j^d. ob. de redditu mesuagii Matildis Paket per annum.

Et de ijs. de redditu Agnetis la Wode.

Et de vjs. receptis de tenemento Joh^s atte Halle.

Et de xiiij^d. receptis de Rogero le Toukere de mesuagio in Froggemerelane.

Summa . . . vs. ix^d. ob.

NOVUS REDDITUS.

Idem receperunt de vjs. receptis de Rogero Clyware pro tribus terminis. Vid. de terminis Hock', Nativitate Sti Joh^s. Bapt. et Sti Michaelis.

Et de ijs. ix^d. de Philippo le Smythe solvendis ad predictos terminos.

Et de receptis de Joh: Gregori.

Summa . . . xs. ix^d.

PERQUISITA.

Idem receperunt de ijs. legatis in testamento Willⁱ de Wyke ad unum missale.
 Et de ix*℥*. ob. de collectionibus contra Natale Domini.
 Et de x*℥*. de collectionibus contra Pascha.
 Et de xxs. de legacione Joh^s. Michel pro anniversario suo et aliis tenendis per an.
 Et de vjs. receptis de J. Annatt.
 Et de x*℥*. de j velamine de cerico [silk] vendito.
 Et de v*℥*. de j alio velamine de cerico vendito.
 Et de xij*℥*. de veteribus pannis ad dictam ecclesiam legatis venditis.
 Et de xij*℥*. de j veteri olla enea de j lagena vendita.
 Et de ijs. iij*℥*. de una olla enea vendita.
 Et de ijs. vj*℥*. de veteri bosco de tenemento Roberti Golde vendito.
 Et de vjs. de veteri bosco de tenemento Ade Storche vendito.
 Et de vjs. viij*℥*. de lano (sic) vendito ex legacione uxoris Thome Stote.
 Et de xij*℥*. de herbagio gardini Ade Storche.
 Et de iij*℥*. de herbagio gardini propinquorum, etc.
 Et de j*℥*. de candelis venditis Roberto le Doyere.

Summa . . . lijs. viij*℥*. ob.
 Summa totius recepte . . . iiij*℥*. xijs. x*℥*.

RESOLUCIO REDDITUM, *i.e.*, Rent-charges payable to the Clergy for obituary offices.

Item computus solutionum pro anniversariis in eadem ecclesia et aliis de veteri per
 annum xiiij*℥*.
 It. in Anniversario Ade Storche et aliorum per V vices per annum vs. xj*℥*.
 It. in Anniversario Joh^s. de Budestone et aliorum per vices ix*℥*.
 It. in Anniversario Ricardi Golde v*℥*. ob.
 It. in Anniversario Roberti Golde et aliorum v*℥*. ob.
 It. in Anniversario Thome de Bristolle ijs. et omnia hoc anno primo.
 It. solut. pro langabulo¹ hoc anno ijs. ob.
 It. solut. Coffrario Civitatis Bathonie xij*℥*.
 It. solut. procuratori communitatis ij*℥*. de tenemento quod fuit Roberti Golde.
 It. solut. filio Roberti Golde pro quodam mesuagio ab eis empto jacente juxta dictam
 ecclesiam xvjs. viij*℥*.
 It. solut. Rectori² dicte ecclesie pro tenemento Roberti Golde a festo Circumcisionis
 Domini usque festum Sti Michaelis p. xl septimanis xx*℥*.
 It. solut. dicto Rectori de tenemento Ade Storche ad festum Sti Michaelis vj*℥*.
 It. solut. pro rudying³ tenementum Roberti Golde xvij*℥*.
 It. solut. procuratori⁴ communitatis vj*℥*. de mesuagio quod Will^s. Cubbel tenet de
 dicta ecclesia.

¹ Land-gable. An impost payable in most towns by burgage-tenures to the Crown, or to the Lord, who had to pay the Fee-farm to the Crown. In this case it was payable to the Bishop, as Lord of the borough.

² To the rector for obituary services, for discharge whereof the tenements had been bequeathed to the parish.

³ Ridding, *i.e.*, clearing away of old materials for rebuilding.

⁴ The Chamberlain of the City for municipal dues.

It. pro iiij cartis de novo sabendis	ijs.
It. Rectori pro denariis ¹ beati Petri	vij <i>℥</i> . ob.
In annivers ^o Joh ^s . Columbel die Sti Martini	x <i>℥</i> .
In coreo empto pro libro missali involvendo [being bound]	ij <i>℥</i> .
It. procuratori dicte ecclesie iiij <i>℥</i> . de Annivers ^o Ade Storche.	
Summa	xxxvijs. viij <i>℥</i> .

EXPENSA.

In—li cere emptis contra Natale Domi ⁱ	iijs. ij <i>℥</i> .
In factura ejusdem	v <i>℥</i> .
In lichil empt	j <i>℥</i> .
In iiij ^b cere emptis contra Pascha	iijs.
In factura ejusdem	j <i>℥</i> . ob.
In dimidia li. cere pro ij torchis emendendis	v <i>℥</i> .
In factura eorundem	ii <i>℥</i> .
In j <i>℥</i> . cere pro cereo Ade Storche ad pedes Ste Katerine	xij <i>℥</i> .
In factura ejusdem	ob.
In oleo empto pro lampade	x <i>℥</i> . ob.
In ij cereis de novo factis ad pedes Sti Michaelis	j <i>℥</i> .
In Watelrys ² emptis	xx <i>℥</i> .
It. in stipulis emptis	iiij <i>℥</i> .
In stipendio clerici ad illuminandum lampadem per annum	j <i>℥</i> .
In stipendio js lotricis pro vestimentis et aliis ornamentis lavandis	ij <i>℥</i> .
In stipendio procuratoris per annum	ii <i>℥</i> .
In parcameno empto pro compoto faciendo	j <i>℥</i> .
Solut. pro j ^{no} libro missali empto	xlvjs. ij <i>℥</i> .
Summa	lxs. iiij <i>℥</i> . ob.

[On the back.]

STIPENDIUM.

In stipendio clerici pro compoto faciendo	iiij <i>℥</i> .
In pane et cervisia emptis pro expensis procuratoris per idem tempus	ii <i>℥</i> .
Summa tocus expense	iiij <i>℥</i> . xixs. v <i>℥</i> . ob.
Et sic ex [eunt?] Et sic ex [eunt?]	vjs. vij <i>℥</i> . ob.

¹ Paid to Rector as the channel to forward them through the Archdeacon at Visitation to the Diocesan, who was responsible to the Pope's Collector, under a rescript circa 1200, for the annual payment of £11 5s. in behalf of the diocese. This very ancient impost, the Rom-feoh of Saxon England, once universal, had now come to be leviable from a few houses in each parish.

² Withies for wattling. See "rys" in Glossary.

OTHER COLLECTIONS

known to exist in Somerset.

1. Stogursey.
2. Banwell.
3. Bridgwater.

No. 1

Is in the very careful hands of Sir Alex. Acland-Hood, Bt., who inherits it from the Palmers of Fairfield, the chief mansion in the parish of Stogursey. The volume was examined by Mr. Horwood, who describes it in Vol. VI of the Historical MSS. Commission Reports, p. 348-9, and gives its leading features.

It contains 54 leaves (less some gaps) ranging in date from the 18-9th of Hen. VII to the 38th of Hen. VIII. It therefore stops at the eve of the great ritual changes.

It tells very much the same tale as our other records, *e.g.*, a revenue always ample, raised from voluntary sources, *i.e.*, Church-house, and Ales (these the largest items), live-stock, bequests and gifts, with small rents accruing from former gifts. There was no recourse to a rate, or any need of it.

The outlay was on the usual objects, purely ecclesiastical.

The language was Latin till 1509, after which are found some English words worth noting, *e.g.*, the "Brethereddyne dirige and mass," *f.* 25^b, *i.e.*, the Mass of the United Brotherhoods in behalf of their departed members; the "Holybrede house," *i.e.*, the Church-house where the Holy Loaf was baked; the "Calendar," *i.e.*, the Bederoll or list or commemorated benefactors; a "Taverning" for a Church-ale. One custom is noteworthy, *viz.*, letting out at a rent the "Juells of the Church," *i.e.*, the valuables, whether plate, or adornments.

St. Erasmus and St. George were venerated, besides our Lady, who was represented in painting in the form known as "Our Lady of Pity."

No. 2.

This is a single volume in good condition kept by the wardens in a chest over the Church porch. It begins in the 7th of Henry VIII, 1516, and runs to end of Elizabeth, probably with some gaps. Having had but two hours' examination of its pages, I can only say that the fiscal system which it details does not differ from Yatton in its main features.

The parish had its Church-house and Ales, the house being called both bakehouse and brewhouse in evidence of being fitted for divers entertainments. It had also some landed endowment and live-stock; but the largest income was from the Hoggiers. In each account the second item of receipt is headed with slight variation "Venditio et incrementum forinsecum de la Hogeling."

The Hogeling is divided into the Upland and Marshland "in Marisco."

In 1516, the Upland Wardens paid in to the High Wardens	£4	7
„ Marshland „ „ „ „	£4	6
	£8	13

In the following years similar sums are recorded.

The means whereby such a sum could be realized must be ascertained by further research, which an old man's eyes cannot undertake.

I can only contribute thus much :—

- (1.) In 1566 the parish resolved “that the Hogglers of the parish shall yearly make their account and pay their money the Sunday before St. Nicolas, on pain of fines, &c.” The Hye Wardens to pay their money (*i.e.*, income from all sources) the Sunday after St Nicolas, *i.e.*, the end of the financial year.
- (2.) Hogglers were the lowest class of labourers.
- (3.) The terms “Venditio et Incrementum” bid one believe that there was a common stock running on common lands on the hill and in the moor, in which the Church had rights, and that the stock was husbanded, and the rights made productive by a band of working men, who thus made a contribution to the Church funds.

No. 3.

These MSS. are in the hands of the Corporation. I did not know that they contained Churchwardens' Compoti till after the decay of eye-sight had narrowed my powers of inspection. I now give the results of a three hours' survey in May, 1889, granted to me by the courtesy of Mr. Read, the Town Clerk.

I found Rolls of the “Custodes bonorum et luminum Cantariæ B.M.” an endowed Chantry with its own Chapel, audited in the 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th of Edward III, and in the 1st and on to the 10th (inc.) of Richard II from Christmas to Christmas.

Of High Wardens accounts (preserved also in rolls) I found one in the 47th of Edward III, and two in Richard II, each running for *two* years, viz, the 7th and 8th, and the 9th and 10th, from Michaelmas to Michaelmas. The same wardens present an account “*in dorso*” as Wardens of the goods and lights of the High Cross, endowed with real property.

In the 2nd, 5th, 6th of Henry V.—In the 19th, 20th, 27th, 28th, 31st, 32nd, 34th 35th, and 46th of Henry VI also one 1447 (no regnal year), and in the 3rd, 4th, and 10th of Edward IV, I found Churchwardens' rolls.

The noteworthy feature in the FISCAL SYSTEM, is—

The regular Church Rate, “Collecta Assisa,” *i.e.*, a Collection by assessment, levied yearly, or once in two years ; as early as 1383.

In 1447-8 it is called “Collecta concessa per parochianos et burgenses ad emendandam Eccl^m £8.”

It was laid (apparently *pro rata*) on the whole area of the parish in the town and country, and was viewed as a debt, enforceable in the spiritual court. There is one loose membrane,

Those marked ° I examined in detail.

in writing closely approaching to 1447-8, containing a list of defaulters "in *debt* to the Church" each with a rated sum against his name.

This shows that the subsidy was not made up of *gifts*, voluntary in amount. In another account, a citation has been paid for by the Wardens against the "Debtors of the Church," thus bringing the defaulters into the Court Christian.

Three principles are here asserted. (1) The liability in foro conscientiae of each member of the Church to contribute "*quoad res*," according to his property. (2) The rating authority of the aggregate body of members, to settle the "how much" and "how often." (3) The authority of the forum externum of the Church to coerce the unwilling.

Being the only case of compulsory church rate before the reign of Elizabeth that I know, I have given the particulars fully.

In consequence of being rate-fed, St. Mary's Parish did not resort to a Church-house or revelries at Hocktide or at other feasts for maintenance. There were gifts and bequests in money and kind, but not very large. Live-stock, if given, was sold, not kept.

The oldest MS. is a detached membrane dated 12th Edward [almost certainly Edward I, and if so, 1284]. It contains a report from a Committee of four empowered by the parish to obtain a bell. They bought the materials, made their mould, and founded the bell on the spot. Its weight was 1781 lbs.

On another sheet 1336-7, William the Tanner, a sole committee, accounts to the parish for the outlay of £143 13s. raised for the "*Novum opus ecclesiæ*." This sum was paid in 5 instalments to tradesmen, but the items are unrecorded.

A separate bundle is endorsed by Mr. Riley (the Commissioner who reported on the collection to the Hist. MS. Comm.), as transcribed by him in 1871. It contains (*inter alia*) Inventories of Vestments kept in "S. Katrine's Yle," and a rental of the endowed Rode chapel. They are in English, and were printed in Vol. VII, 1858, of the Som. Arch. Pro.

This very interesting collection ought to be thoroughly examined. Together with those of Banwell and Stogursey, it would, if transcribed in extenso, fill a volume, and the examination of contents would probably throw a good deal of needed light upon the history of our churches. One item I will quote as an instance of the timely exercise of the visiting and coercive authority of the Archdeacon.

In the Roll of 9th-11th of Richard II is charged the sum of £4. 6s. 8d. paid to the Vicar "pro emendandis fenestris ad taxam ex assensu parochianorum per coercionem Archidi. Tanton." Here is a case of a defect noted by the Archdeacon, the parish ordered to repair up to a given estimate (taxa), the parish complying, and giving the money to the Vicar for the execution of the work. The same roll records the less-pleasing fact of the building of a charnel-house (carnaria) on the north side of the Church.

Church-Wardens' Accounts

OF 15TH OR 16TH CENTURY, BEYOND THE DIOCESE.

Those that have come under my ken are the following :—

No. 1. St. Peter's in the East Oxford, a city parish.

No. 2. Solihull, a large village in Warwickshire.

No. 3. Stanford in the Vale, a Berkshire village.

No. 1.

These were discovered by myself when Vicar in 1845, in the state of a bundle of loose rolls fast decaying. They are now safely kept in a vaulted room, bound in a volume, and accessible for inspection but not printed. They date from 1444. There are nine before 1500. Then they become more regular and run through the 16th century, but with gaps.

THE FISCAL SYSTEM

Tallies very nearly with that of St. Michael's, Bath, especially in the amount of house property, charged with obits, but in order to eke out this rental, the Wardens—

1. Made collections "inter parochianos" at the great festal processions.
2. Received collections made by the young men and maidens at Hocktide, Monday and Tuesday, each class having one day's possession of the thoroughfares and making the other pay for passing.
3. Made profit by sales of Holy Ale and Holy Loaf, brewed and baked at the Church-house.
4. Kept a stock of players garments and let them out for hire.
5. Let out torches for funerals, especially those of academical students.

The funds were generally ample, the outlay was wholly upon Church objects. The house-property, to escape confiscation in the 16th century, was made over to the Corporation of the City, who till lately, leased it to parish feoffees, in aid of the Wardens' Accounts.

No. 3.

This collection, ranging from 1552-1602, is printed in the Antiquary, four numbers beginning February, 1888.

The following contents are worth noting:—

Inventory of Church goods, as renewed 1° Mariæ by Dame Fettiplace, with a preface touching the order for providing the Holy Loaf.

A fund called "Font-stock" was gathered by two women from the "font-wives," probably for the Font taper at Easter.

There was a gathering for "Crowche (= cross) or paschull money," *i.e.*, for Easter procession. Some allotments of Church-land, a Church-house called also Gildehall, a Whitsun ale, a gathering on Twelfth Even (Eve of Epiphany) for Rood-light called Dawell light, an unexplained receipt from "the encrease of the 40 pences vs. vijfz" (more than once), and for "cheeses gathered for the Church." In 1572 wafer-bread was provided by the parish for Communion for the year.

The usual result followed upon the compulsory imposition of civil charges. The voluntary gifts and bequests died out.

Glossary.



THE aim of this Glossary is to aid in the understanding of the foregoing accounts and of similar ones. With this view it notices words used in an obsolete or unwonted or local sense, and also some uses peculiar to Wessex. These are marked **Z**.

Other abbreviations are used, *e.g.* :—

n.s. Noun substantive.

adj. Adjective.

part. Participle.

Z *hod.* Modern Somerset tongue.

v.t. Verb transitive.

C, Y, M, T, P, B, for Croscombe, Yatton, Morebath, Tintinhull, Pilton, and St. Michael's, Bath, the places that have furnished the corpus of the book.

The authorities referred to are Halliwell's Archaic Dictionary, Chambers' English Dictionary, Richardson's Dictionary, Jennings' Somerset Dialect, Parker's Glossary of Architecture, Wright's Prov. Dict.

NOTANDA.

In the use of letters the scribes constantly put V for F, and Z for S according to the spoken sounds. At **P** the letters V and W are quite interchangeable, *e.g.*, Vont (*i.e.*, Font) is written Wont; Wreaths, Vreathes. Sometimes F stands for W, *e.g.*, Freathes for Wreaths, creating doubt about the sound. Y is added as an initial where it has no place, *e.g.*, in "Our" and "Aisle" and dropt elsewhere, *e.g.*, "eeld" for "yield," thus sharing the fate of "h" in other counties. W in like manner is imposed and deposed, *e.g.*, "Wolde" for "Old," "Ood" for "Wood." "At" and "to" are, as in **Z** *hod.*, interchangeable. The use of the Anglo-Saxon participial prefix "ge" represented by "y" or "I" is universal, *e.g.*, y-bought, y-fett, &c.

¹ In "Light," "Draught," &c., our scribes inserted a letter to represent the guttural force, now extinct, of the Anglo-Saxon "G" or "Gh." Sometimes they added it to the "gh," sometimes wrote it instead. It is found also at the beginning of "gate," sounded perhaps more like "y" than "g"—A special type 3 represents it in our text.

A

- Aler**, *n.s.* **Y**, *sæpe*. The gallery of the rood-loft. Borrowed from the Alure or gangway of embattled walls, made for the passage to and fro of the defenders, see Solarium.
- Ale**, *passim*, *n.s.* An entertainment given in the interests of the parish on a holiday.
- Ale-house**, *n.s.* **Y**, 201. The Church-house.
- Alms light**, *n.s.* **M**, *passim*. The light maintained for the souls of the Departed, elsewhere called soul-light, dead-light and Lumen Animarum.
- Almatory**, *n.s.* Peculiar to Morebath, a portion of the Church, coveted for burial.
- An ely**, to *v.t.* **Y**, 99. To anoint, *i.e.*, in extreme unction.
- Assyon**, **Y**, *adj.* Ashen, made of Ash. **Z** *hod.*
- Axsyn**, **Y**, 117, **P**, *n.s.* Ashes. **Z** *hod.*

B

- “**Bastyng** the ryng in whyt,” **Y**, 172. Something done in the belfry apparently.
- Baudries**, *n.s. passim*, and diversely spelt. Baldricks, *i.e.*, belts, or pendants of belts, but here used for the handles of bell ropes, and leathern loops in the crown of the bell, from whence the clapper swung.
- Bede-roll** (diversely spelt), *n.s. sæpe*. The list of Benefactors, claiming the Intercessions of the Church. It was read out by a Bedeman, who might be clerk or sexton or other subordinate, on the Anniversary day when the great Dirige was celebrated at the cost of the parish. See in **M**, p. 210, a sample of a Bede-roll. To be placed on this roll was often a condition stipulated by donors, and always a valued privilege.
- Bede-man**, *n.s.* The person appointed to read out the Bede-roll and bid the prayers of the congregation. In some cases it was a continuous office, *e.g.*, at Frome, where it has remained in the patronage of the owners of Orchardleigh. See Som. Notes and Queries, 1888, pp. 122 and 135. The modern descendant is the Beadle or Bedel.
- The Bedesman was a distinct person, viz., one who was bound in virtue of a benefaction to say intercessory prayers.
- Bellatur** } *n.s.* **Y**, 147. Bellfounder.
Bellman }
- Blodius**, *adj.* Blue.
- Borow**, *n.s.* **P**. A Guarantor, a man who gives a borow or pledge.
- Brand-yre** } *n.s.* **Y**, 26. Andirons for the hearth.
Brondyren } 56.
- Braste**, *n.s.* **Y**, 104. Brass.
- Burde-Stoke**, *n.s.* **Y**, 141, **M**. A board-stock, *i.e.*, a log fit for sawing into board, which is sounded Boord in **Z**.
- Burde-nayles**, *n.s.* **Y**. Nails suited for joining boards.

C

- Capull**, *n.s.* **Y**, 105. A horse.
- Carnock**, *n.s.* **Y**, 141. A heap measure applied to lime. Cf. Curnock=Four bushels of corn. Wright's Prov. Dict.
- Clavey**, *n.s.* **Y**, 144. A mantelpiece or shelf. **Z**.
- Colas**, proper name. St. Nicholas, **Y**, 101.
- Constre-Cowrte**, *n.s.* **Y**. Consistory Court.
- Corse**, *n.s.* **C**. The bodice attached to a girdle. Cf. Corselet.
- Countes-day**, *n.s.* **P**. Audit-day, Day of Account.
- Copps** }
Copys } *n.s.* { 1. Copes from *Lat.* *Capa*.
Coppsys } { 2. Somekind of Candle-holder, *e.g.*, "the copys that beareth the light." **Y**, 37.
Coppys } { 3. Generally some kind of cap, finial, topping or coping. In this sense
it is akin to German *Kopf*.
- Crese**, *n.s.* Increase, the year's addition to a store or stock, *passim*.
- Crook** }
Crowche } *n.s.* { **P**, *passim*. A portable cross, from *Lat.* *Crux*, *Crucis*. At **C** the High
Cross had its own paid keeper. S. Michael also had a "Crook" at
C and a Crook-bearer.
- Croke-bred**, *n.s.* }
Croke-money, *n.s.* } **C**. p. 24, 26 (*bis*) 27. "Croke-money with the vantage of the brede"
"and ale." The Holy Loaf and Ale were sold at the great pro-
cessions, specially Easter, and the profits entered as the Crese of
the Crook.

D

- Dandy-pratts**, *n.s.* **Y**, 155. A base coin, unauthorized.
- Dawbe**, *n.s.* See Ryses.
- Dayer**, *n.s.* **P**. A dairyman.
- Ded-money**, *n.s.* **C**, *sæpe*. A fund kept by wardens for maintaining a light (called in other places dead-light, soul-light, alms-light), on the high beam of the high Cross, and for celebrating an anniversary for the dead, also for torches and tapers at the funerals of the poor. It was fed by bequests and gifts.
- Drawle** } **Y**. A sucker or some part of the drawing gear of a pump. Cf. Draw3te **Y**, 142.
Trawle } **Y**.
- Dyking** of the well. **Y**, 127. Lining it with stone, now called in **Z** steaning.
- Dyking** of the Yeo. **Y**, *sæpe*. Ditching, making good the banks.

E

- Ernest-penny** } *n.s.* The 1*d.* universally paid down as the evidence of a bargain being
Covenant-penny } struck.
- Entreclose**, *n.s.* In a dwelling-house a partition-wall, in a church a parclose, or half-open screen.

F

Famels, *n.s.* **C**, 47. Fanons or maniples.

Femerell. **Y**. Pierced stonework in belfry for escape of sound, from "Fumariolum," a louvre for escape of smoke.

Ferments. **Y**, 96 } *n.s.* "Ferramenta," iron work for the steeple windows.
Farments. **Y**, 100 }

Fett (oft. *y-fett*) *passim*. The participle past of "to fetch."

"**Flameolum** de Sypres pro pixide Corp. Xti," **B**, 1427. A veil of Cyprus silk for the Pyx. Cf. *flammula*, in low Latin=a banner.

Flaks, *n.s.* **Y**, 101. Hurdles for scaffolding, also split rods for making hurdles. Cf. *Flakes* (in Hearn's *Jo. Glast.* v. 2, p. 321). Wattling for preserving sea walls.

Floryssyng, *part.* Adorning with colour the wax-candles. **Y**.

Forlock. **Y**, 149. A carpenter's term.

Freethes, *n.s.* **Y**, 91=Vreethes or Wreaths, *i.e.*, Wreathen work for dead fencing or for wattle and dab. Cf. *Frething* and *Frether*, **T**, 196, and *cum virgis vrydendis* **T**, 178. See Halliwell.

G

Gawds, *n.s.*, *passim*. Bosses or other ornamental attachments to girdles or jewels.

Gemmows, *n.s.*, variably spelt. A pair of hinges [*gemelli*, twins] including the loop on the door and the hook on the durn.

Glassyn, *adj.* **Y**. Made of glass.

Grayell, *n.s.*, variously spelt, *sæpe*. Grail. *Lat.* *Gradale*, an office book.

Grey-cayk, *n.s.* *Prob.* a pigment, 97.

Groming-wardens, *n.s.* **M**, 1559. Groomen-wardens, *i.e.*, Wardens of the grooms or young men's guild.

H

Harnest, *p.p.*, applied to a girdle. Garnished, adorned.¹

Hele, *v.t.* *passim*. To cover, whence *Helyer*, a Tiler.

Helme-bought, *n.s.* **T**. *Helm-bôt*, *i.e.*, the right of cutting helm [stubble] in a common field. Cf. *Fire-bôt*, *Plough-bôt*.

Here, **Herys**, **Here-cloth**, *n.s.* Cloth made of hair to cover the stone altar-slabs under a richer cloth.

Hoggler, *n.s.* The lowest class of labourer, including miners, in **Z** *hod*.

Hogling-money, *n.s.* **P**, 26. The labourers' contribution paid through the lady-wardens.

Hogeling *alias* **Hokeling-light**, *n.s.* A light maintained by a Hoggler's guild, see Preface.

Hopyng, *part.* **Y**, *sæpe*. Hooping vessels.

¹ "Bright-harnest angels sit in order serviceable." Milton's *Ode on Christ's Nativity*, last line.

Huck-muckes, *n.s.* **Y**, 28. Something for wiping the feet upon, often renewed, probably of brushwood, Jenn. Z. Dict. gives the word=A strainer retaining the dregs of a mash-tub.

Husselling-Cloth. **Y**, 14. A cloth used in Houseling, *i.e.*, in administering the Holy Sacrament of the Body.

J

Jetty, *adj.* **C**, 1499. Made of Jet.

Jornale, *n.s.* **B**, 1370. A wax candle "j cereo empto ad jornale."

Judas. **Y** and **T**, *sæpe*. A light or series of lights, or of light holders, ranged along the rood-loft, casting up their glare on the Rood. At **T** there were 40 such light-holders of wood, p. 185.

K

Key, **Kye**, *n.s.* **P**, *passim*, for plural of cow. Hence Key-wardens.

Kreys-cloth } *n.s.*, *passim*. Linen cloth applied to divers uses in Church and
Cresse and Creste-cloth } Church-house.

Kyve, *n.s.* **Y**, *sæpe*. A large tub. Cf. keeve in Devon *hod*.

L

Lamb-tow, *n.s.* **M**, *passim*. Wool of young lambs.

Latten, *n.s.*, *sæpe*. A mixed metal, still used.

Lege-bell, *n.s.* **Y**, 90. Possibly a Lyche-bell.

Legent, *n.s.* **C**, p. 5. A book of Legenda or Lections.

Leverys, *n.s.* **T**, 186. Some kind of grain-crop "segetes."

Liernes, *n.s.* **T**, 184. Oak ribs under the projecting gallery of the rood-loft. (Walcott's Sacred Archæo.)

Light-men, *n.s.* Gatherers for the maintenance of lights in the east and west parts of **Y**.

Lugs to the banners, *passim*. Strings to hold the banners in place.

Lyche-rest, *n.s.* **Y**, 1559. A privilege of being buried in the Church, including probably the lying in the Church with tapers, &c., before burial. The term is very shortlived.

M

Maser, *n.s.* **P**, 51. A wooden bowl provided for the office of Holy Matrimony. See note at end.

Mell, *v.n.* To meddle. **M**. **Z** *hod*.

Mese } *n.s.* Moss. { **Y**, 94. Cf. Mesh **Z** *hod*. Moss was largely used to lay under the
Muse } { **B**, 1376. sheets of lead in roofs.

Mind } *n.s.* A commemoration of the dead, at the end of a month or year, sometimes
Mynde } endowed for a term of years, or in perpetuity.

Mynells, *n.s.* **Y**, 129. Mullions. Cf. *Fr.* Menaux; *Eng.* Moynells.

Myster, *n.s.* **Y**, 142. Some chest or locker built by the wardens in Church house.

N

Nelme, *n.s.* An Elm by transfer of the "n" from the article. By like transfer an oak, an ewe, become noak and newe.

Numerale, *n.s.* A bracelet or similar ornament, the beads perhaps arranged in tens to aid in counting. **T**, 192.

O

Orphrey, *n.s.*, variably spelt. A band of gold or embroidery set on vestments. *Lat.* Auri-frigia.

Oriscopium, *n.s.* **T**, *sæpe*. A clock, meant for horologium, a word still extant in **Z** in the form of "horloge."

P

Par, *n.s.* Strictly a pair, but used for a suit or set, *e.g.*, "par vestimentorum" "par precularum."

Parcella, *n.s.*, in **T**. A Bill of parcels or details presented by the Wardens in addition to the audit-sheet. Two samples are extant.

Pax } *n.s.*, *sæpe*. The small metal plate serving for the Kiss of Peace in the Liturgy.
Paks }

Paxbrede, *n.s.* **Y**, 30. The plate apart from the Foot of the Pax. Brede=Breadth.

Pelow, *n.s.* A Pillow, whence Pelow-tow, *i.e.*, stuffing for pillows.

Peyse, *n.s.* A weight, used either for a clock—or organ bellows.

Plocks, *n.s.* Blocks of wood. **Y**, 1-7-9, "ligno voc. plocks."

Portass } *n.s.* *sæpe*. The office-book called in *Lat.* Portiforium.
Portoce }

Posenett, *n.s.* A little pot. (Halliwell.) **Y**, 1466.

Preculæ, *n.s.* Beads for use in prayer. **T**, 1512-3, par precularum, a set of beads.

Pricket } *n.s.* *sæpe*. A tall candle, elevated on a spike.
Prekyt }

Procurator } *n.s.* *passim*. A warden, steward, manager or other accredited person.
Proctor }

Putteful, *n.s.* **P**, 10. Cartload. A two-wheeled cart is still a Putt in **Z**.

Pye, *n.s.* **Y**. The ritual directory or ordinale, see Preface to Book of Common Prayer.

Pyggesfote, *i.e.*, Pigsfote, *n.s.* **Y**, 105. A vessel used in **Y** Church-house for bearing coals.

Pynowne, *adj.* Pointing or gable end. **Z** *hod*, pronounced "pwinen" **Y**, 56.

Perrson, *n.s.* **M**, 211. The rector improper, *i.e.*, Barlynch Priory. The term was in strictness limited to the rector, as "persona ecclesiæ."

Q

Quetin, *n.s.* **P**. *Prob.* Cushion.

R

Range, *n.s.* A sieve, **Z** *hod.* **Y**, 128. A cleansing range.

Rather, *adj.* Earlier, preceding—the comparative of *rathe*, *i.e.*, early. **Z** *hod.*—**Y** *sæpe* “the rather wardens.”

Ray, *n.s.* Striped cloth.

Ray-corse, *n.s.* The striped bodice of a girdle.

Rayer, *adj.* Rear, *i.e.*, the preceding year. **Y**, 99, or, if the “y” stands for “th,” the *rather* year would mean the same.

Rede, *n.s.* Reed, *i.e.*, in **Z**, straw severed from the ears before thrashing, and dressed for the thatcher, see **Y**, 53, “reaping rede.”

Rele, *n.s.* *Lat.* Rota. Reel or corona, hung to carry a circle of lights, **Y**, 23, “wax to fulfill ye rele” “gylding the rele.” See Trendell, which is sometimes used in same sense.

Rest, *n.s.* **C**, *passim*. The balance of an audited account.

Ridding, *part.*, *passim*. Clearing out dirt or rubbish.

Ryses, *n.s.* **Y**. “Ryses to the dawbes.” Hurdlework daubed with clay to form partitions, or to fill panels in a timber frame—called **Z** *hod.*, “Wattle and dab.” **Rys** = **Twig** [*Mayhew and Skeat*]. Anglo-Saxon *Hris*.

S

Seges } *n.s.*, *passim*. Seats, *Fr.* *Siège*.
Seggs }

Seme or **Zeme**, *n.s.* A long measure, *e.g.*, of boards, **Y**, 100, also a heap-measure as of lime. Cf. “Seme of wheat.” (*Piers Plowman*.)

Semys, *n.s.* **Y**, 90. “Scouring of the great semys.”

Shudde } *n.s.* Various spelt, *passim*. The small wood of timber trees, or the top and
Shyde }
Schryde } lop of pollards—called *Shrouds*, **Z** *hod.*

Servy or **Sarvy**, *v.n.* **Y**, *sæpe*. To serve for a regular purpose, see note on letter **Y**.

Shere-Thursday, *n.s.* **Y**, 60. Maunday Thursday.

Smygma, *n.s.* **T**, *sæpe*. An ointment. See *Migma*. *Ducange*.

Solarium, *n.s.* **Y**, *sæpe*. The Aler or gallery of Roodloft. In its other sense of a sun-dial or clock, it is not used.

Sommar, *n.s.* **Y**, 116. A somerstone, *i.e.*, the headstone of a coign, corbelled out to support the coping of the gable. The term “somer” is also applied to corbel-beams. (*Parker's Glossary*.)

Somner, *n.s.* Summoner, an apparitor of Consistory Court. **Y**, 149.

Spelyd, *v.*, *past tense*. **M**, 217. Served the place of. A.S. *spelian*, to take a spell or turn of duty. (*Chambers' Eng. Dict.*)

Sprangs, or **Spronges**, to a ladder, *n.s.* Rungs. (*Wright*.)

Stansile, *n.s.* **T**, 191. A style, an error for “scansile” from *scando*, to climb.

Strekyng, part. (1) colouring wall with lines or patterns, perhaps stencilling.
 (2) colouring walls plain, within and without. **Y**, 37, *et passim*.

[The use of plaster and of lime-washes on church walls inside and out, was very common.]

Syler, n.s. A ceiler, *i.e.*, a decorator, who did both the woodwork, and colouring of the highly adorned canopies, formed in the roof over Altars, and called ceilings. *Lat.* celatura, sylatura.

Syntorne. Y, 118. Centering for turning an arch.

Synt } *n.s.* Saint. The spelling is phonetic, and shows how St. John, St. Leger, St. Maur,
Syn } came to be pronounced Sinjohn, Silleger, Seymour.

St. Sondag. M. See note at end.

T

Tablement, n.s. Y, sæpe. A representation in painting or carving.

Tak, n.s. Y, 1490. Iron gear attached to a wagon. "Two takys." **Y**, 1446-7.

Trawle, n.s. Y, 140, see Drawle.

Threddyn, adj. C, 1499. Made of thread.

Token }
Tocking } girdle. **Y**, 47; **C**, 5. A girdle suited for Tucker's work, or for tucking up the
Tucking } petticoats.

Tornelle, n.s. A turret. **Y**, 147, "for poynting a tornelle of Ch." (Gloss. of Arch.)

Trayle, n.s. The running vine-pattern common on cornices of rood screens, p. 27.
Cf. Trellis.

Treyn, adj. Made of wood, **Y**, 150, applied to a platter.

Trendyll, n.s. (1) A hanging corona or hoop for bearing lights. Reel and Rota.

(2) A tub. (Halliwell.) **Y**. Inventory of Church-house "21, Trendylls."

(3) Rarely. The candles used in the Corona.

Like trundle, the word is derived from "turn" as treadle from tread.

Trussing (bells), n.s. Strengthening the timbers of the bell-cage by a diagonal brace.

Tynnell, n.s. A tunnel or funnell called in *Z hod*. "Tunnegar."

Tynnyng, part. Tending. **Y, sæpe**, "Tynning the lights."

V

Vestment, n.s. The Chasuble—sometimes, when in plural, including minor articles. **Y**, 67

A vestment is made out of an old cope.

Vicary, n.s. passim. A vicar, formed direct from Latin vicarius, like notary.

Vyse, also Fyce, n.s. A winding staircase. **Y, sæpe.** Also Vyse-door.

W

- Walshe-bord**, *n.s.* **Y**, 23. Foreign wainscot. Welsh in **Z**, as in German = foreign.
Wardenwick, *n.s.* **P**, *sæpe*. Wardenship, like Bailiwick, &c.
Want } *n.s.* Font. **P**, *sæpe*. N.B. Vaute, a spelling of Vault is often difficult to discrimi-
Vont } nate from the versions of font.
Vout }
- Whirligoge**, *n.s.* A turnstile. **T**, 49, 183.
Wrestys [for door], *n.s.* Perhaps Twysts, *i.e.*, the iron loops, fitted to the hooks of the hinge.

Y

- Yeo**, *n.s.* The main drain of a level **Z**. In the case of the rivers Ivel and Wring, the term has superseded the ancient river-name.
Yere, *n.s.* A sluice-gate. See in ordnance map of **Z**, "Hook year," "New Yar," on the Yeo, perhaps a **Z** pronunciation of "Weir," dropping the "w."
Yncull, *n.s.* Broad linen tape for girdles, for an amice, for a book covering; now spelt inkle, see Shakespeare's Pericles. **V**, 1.
N.B.—**Y** in modern **Z** is added to the end of a verb to make it frequentative, *e.g.*, to sewy = to sew for a livelihood; to glovy, to make gloves, as a trade. In the **Y** accounts there are several instances of this use.

Z

- Zitter**, *n.s.* Guitar, from Cithara. **P**, 25.

NON SOLUTA.

The following words or phrases have as yet defied solution, some of them are perhaps disguised by misspelling, or by decay—others it is hoped may find an interpreter:—

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| Taratantaryatione unius ligni. T , 194. | Whyt mother. Y , 160. (?) Godmother. |
| Dipote or dipoce and Poyntell. T , 187. | Haffe. Y , 166. |
| Cloths staffyng. Y , 167. | Ewell. 198. |
| Jaole. T , 196. | Clogill. 187, 9. |
| Quyrbys. 154. | Walete. 195. |
| Prelubkys. Y , 84. | Bastyng the ryne in Whyt. 172. |
| Dawell-light. 324. | Lyche of a rope. 76. |
| Pokysy. Y , A°. 1452. | A cenne of y^e vestments. 117. |
| Swystyng gyrdyll. Y , 130. | |

NOTES EXPLANATORY.

MASER.—“A stonding maser to serve for brides at their weddyng” is found at Pilton. This was in compliance with the Rubric of the Sarum Manual. “Post Missam benedicatur panis et vinum vel aliud quid potabile *in vasculo*, et gustent in nomine Domini sacerdote dicente Dom Vobiscum. Oremus.” The Collect that followed refers to the marriage of Cana &c. In the same Inventory is another Maser with a bande of sylver.

ST. SUNDAY.—She is found to be a female Saint revered at **M** (where she had a “Store” and a warden, see p. 222) and at **Y**, and also in West Somerset and Devon, *e.g.*, at Cutcombe and Brompton Regis, also in Yorks (Test Ebor, **V**, 299). The name has lately been much discussed. It is now supposed by good authorities to be a translation of Dominica, who is stated in Stanton’s Menology, p. 202, to have been a hermitess at Shapwick with her brother S. Indractus, and to have shared his violent death, and canonization. The sainted remains were removed by King Ina in the 8th century to the neighbouring Abbey of Glastonbury, where S. Indractus was a recorded name in the time of the chronicler Ad. de Domerham.

ST. DOMINICA gives name to the Church of S. Dominic, Cornwall, dedicated to her by Bishop Bronscombe in 1263. She was invoked in an Exeter Litany of the 11th century. The vernacular version of her name may be due to the difficulty of differencing her from the great founder of the Dominican Order, canonized in 1234, the English tongue failing to distinguish the male from the female name.

END OF GLOSSARY.

Appendix A.

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LIST OF CHURCH GOODS, "SUPELLEX," REQUIRED BY ARCH-BISHOP WINCHELSEA'S CONSTITUTION, 1305, TO BE FOUND BY PARISHIONERS.

[See Lyndwood's "Provinciale," Lib. III, Tit. 27, and Johnson's "Canons," Vol. II, p. 319. Ed. 1851.]

BOOKS.

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| 1. Legenda. | 5. Troperium. |
| 2. Antiphonarium | 6. Ordinale. |
| 3. Gradale. | 7. Missale. |
| 4. Psalterium. | 8. Manuale. |

NOTES FROM LYNDWOOD AND JOHNSON'S CANONS.

1. A lectionary of lessons from Holy Writ, or from Lives of Saints or Homilies.
2. Containing whatever was sung at the canonical hours, save the Psalter.
3. Or Grail, containing all that pertains to the Choir at celebration of Mass.
4. The Psalter noted.
5. Containing the sequences sung after the epistle at Mass.
6. Or Pie. A directory of Divine Service.
7. Containing the whole office of the Mass.
8. A Handbook of various offices, *e.g.*, baptisms, benedictions, processions.

Notes from Lyndwood.

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| Calix | Chalice, including the Paten which formed its cover. |
| Vestimentum principale cum casula | Casula, the chasuble, the chief robe of a set of vestments, and indispensable for celebration. |
| Tunica | The subdeacon's robe. |
| Dalmatica | Robe for Priest or Deacon. |
| Capa in choro (<i>i.e.</i> , not at side altars). | Used at other priestly offices than the Mass |
| Cum appendiciis. | <i>E.g.</i> , Amice, with girdles, maniples, stoles. |
| Frontale ad magnum Altare | Also called the Pall (Palla). |
| Cum iij tuellis | Two veils or cloths, to be placed under the corporal, one for hand-washing. |

Tria Superpellicia	For use of Priest, Deacon, Sub-deacon.
Rochetum	Linen robe without the sleeves of surplice, used by priest's assistant.
Crux processionalis.	
Crux pro mortuis.	
Thuribulum	Thurible or Censer.
Lucerna.	
Tintinnabulum ad deferendum coram Corp. Xti., in Visitatione	Used in visitation of sick to warn passers-by to venerate the Holy Eucharist.
Pyxis pro Corpore Xti	Pyx cum clausura, <i>i.e.</i> , a decent outside case of ivory or silver.
Velum quadragesimale	To veil the images in Lent.
Vexilla pro Rogationibus	Banners for Intercessory processions on the Gang-days.
Campanæ cum chordis.	
Feretrum pro defunctis.	
Vas pro aquâ benedictâ	Portable vessel with its Sprinkler.
Osculatorium	The Pax, to receive the Kiss of Peace from the faithful at Mass.
Candelabrum pro cereo paschali	The Easter taper was also to be provided by parish, by special collection, at the Easter procession.
Fons cum serurâ	Fonts were locked to preserve the stock of blest water, which was renewed at intervals.
Imagines in Ecclesiâ	<i>I.e.</i> —In the Nave, not those in side chapels.
Imago principalis in cancello	<i>I.e.</i> —generally of the Patron Saint.

REPARATIONES.

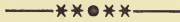
Navis Eccl^æ, intra et extra, tam in imaginibus quam in fenestris vitreis.
 Librorum.
 Vestimentorum.

Cetera contingunt Rectoribus, Vicariis, et aliis secundum loci consuetudinem.²

¹ Including new work when needed.

² Custom, says Lyndwood, is held to modify any of the above liabilities.

Appendix B.



CHURCH ALES, WAKES, &c., BEFORE THEIR ABOLITION.

In the reign of Elizabeth Chief Justice Popham made some orders to the Justices of the Shire for the restraint of these revels [Fuller's Church History, vol. II, p. 147].

In 1631 Judge Richardson repeated the orders, with concurrence of the Justices who petitioned the King through the Lord Lieutenant to suppress wakes [*ib.*].

The King then desired the Archbishop to procure evidence from the clergy touching the alleged abuses. The Bishop of this Diocese, Piers, procured the evidence by citing 72 incumbents from various quarters. Bishop Piers' Return to the Archbishop, Nov. 3, 1633, is as follows :—

- (1.) These dedication feasts have been in all these (72) parishes, not only this last year, but also for many years, without any disorders.
- (2.) Upon the Feast days (for the most part Sundays) the service of the Church hath been more solemnly performed, and the Church better frequented, forenoon and afternoon, than on any other Sunday.
- (3.) They have not known nor heard of any disorders in the neighbouring towns, where the like feasts are kept.
- (4.) The people do very much desire the continuance of these feasts.
- (5.) It is fit, in the opinion of all these Ministers, to continue them as a memorial of the dedication of their Churches, for the civilizing of the people, for their lawful recreations, for the composing of differences by occasion of meeting of friends, for the increase of love and amity, as being feasts of charity for the relief of the poor, the richer sort keeping then, in a manner, open house, and for many other reasons.

In addition to this return, which Bishop Piers believed would be endorsed by a hundred more of his clergy, he subjoins his own observations.

"I find that there are not only feasts of dedication, but in many places, Church-ales, Clerks' ales, and Bid-ales. The dedication feasts are more general, and generally they are called feast-days, though sometimes revel-days, they are not known to the ignorant people as feasts of dedication, but they are so, for the churches dedicated to the Holy Trinity keep their feast on Trinity Sunday; most that are dedicated to Saints keep their feast on the Sundays before or after the Saints' day. I find that almost all are kept in the summer time because that time is convenient for meeting of friends from all places, in some places they have

solemn sermons, preached by Divines of good note, and also communions ; in one place the parish holds lands by its feast. One of the Ministers notes in his answer that in the reformed Churches of Switzerland these feasts are kept.

I find that the people, hearing two years ago that the judges would put down their feasts, thought that it was very hard if they could not entertain their kindred and friends once a year, to praise God for His blessings, and to pray for the King's Majesty, under whose happy government they enjoyed peace and quietness, and they would endure the judges' penalties rather than break off their feasts. It is found also that many suits in law have been taken up at these feasts by mediation of friends, which could not have been so soon ended in Westminster Hall.

Moreover, I find that the chiefest cause of the dislike of these feasts among the preciser sort is because they are kept on Sundays, which they never call but Sabbath days, upon which they would have no manner of recreation, nay neither roast nor sod ; and some of the Ministers who were with me, have ingeniously [ingenuously] confessed that if the people should not have their honest and lawful recreations on Sundays after evening prayer, they would go either into tipping-houses, and there upon their ale-benches talk of matters of Church and State, or else into conventicles.

Concerning **Church-ales** I find that in some places the people have been persuaded to leave them off, in others they have been put down by Judges and Justices, so that now there are few of them left ; but yet I find that by Church-ales heretofore many poor parishes have cast their bells, repaired their towers, beautified their churches, and raised stocks for the poor ; and not by the sins of the people (as some humourists say) but by the benevolence of people at their honest and harmless sports and pastimes, at which there hath not been observed so much disorder as is commonly at fairs and markets.

Touching **Clerks'-ales** (which are lesser Church-ales) for the better maintenance of parish clerks, they have been used (until of late) in divers places, and there was good reason for them ; for in poor country parishes, where clerks' wages are small, the people thinking it unfit that the Clerk should duly attend Church and lose by his office, were wont to send him in provision, and then feast with him, and give him more liberally than their quarterly payments should amount to in many years. And since these have been put down, some Ministers fear they shall have no parish-clerk, for want of maintenance.

There is another kind of meeting called a **Wid-ale**, when an honest man, decayed in his estate, is set up again by the liberal benevolence and contributions of friends at a feast ; but this is laid aside in almost every place.

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Your Grace's ever to be commanded,

GUIL., BATH AND WELLS.

Wells, Nov. 5^o 1633.

Within the original is folded the following order, but whether issued or not, *non constat*.

Somerset. Whereas divers orders have heretofore been made by Judges of Assize for the suppression of Church-ales, Clerks'-ales, Wakes, Revels, and such like, by reason of disorders, &c.

It is now ordered by his Lordship¹ that all such orders be revoked [as much as in him lieth] and made utterly void ; and that it may be lawful for all persons freely to use any lawful recreation or exercise at such meetings, but with this advice, that they be careful that no misdemeanours commonly arising at such feasts be done or committed."

There is also in the State Paper Office a Draft of a Letter from the King, May 2, 1633, to three Justices, requiring them to certify (1) what orders had been given by any Judges of Assize for suppression of Wakes, *i.e.*, dedication feasts ; and (2) what orders C. J. Richardson had given at the last assizes for recalling, pursuant to the King's command through the Lord Keeper, the prohibitions of such feasts, the King wishing that people should enjoy lawful recreations after evening prayer, the Justices repressing excesses, and all profaning of the Lord's Day.

ADDENDUM TO APPENDIX B.

I add a document which helps to track the fate of Church-houses after their first uses failed.

It is a Petition to Archbishop Laud, extracted from the State Papers by my father when Keeper of the S. P. Office. (See Hadspen MSS. v. x. 71.)

Antony Earbury, Vicar of Weston Zoyland, states in Petition that the Parishioners had at their own charge built a fair Church-house, and employed it for 100 years for benefit of the Church, that Sir Edward Powell,² Kt., had lately taken possession thereof and built a common bakehouse for his own benefit, which was presented at the Archbishop's Visitation, that for this presentment Sir. E. P. has questioned the Petitioner, Church-wardens and Sidesmen in the Wells Court.

The Archbishop, therefore, desires Sir John Lambe (who was Dean of Arches) to issue inhibition to the Court at Wells, and to advise as to future course.

¹ *Qy.*, the Lord Keeper?

² He was Patron, and probably also represented the Grantee of this old Glastonbury Manor. The Abbey seems to have favoured the establishment of Church-houses on their Manors by granting leases of sites. Many of them are specified in Abbot Beere's Terrier, 1517.

Appendix C.

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RETURN OF ELEEMOSYNARY ENDOWMENTS HELD BY ECCLESIASTICAL BODIES IN DIOCESE OF BATH AND WELLS, COMPILED FROM HENRY VIII's VALOR, 1537.

	£	s.	d.
Glastonbury Abbey	140	16	8
Wells Cathedral—no charge on corporate funds—but there were many doles to the poor in connection with obituary services			<i>Nil.</i>
[returned A° 1 Edward VI to the Chantry Commissioners at, £21 16s. 6d.]			
Wells—St. John's Hospital at Founders' anniversaries	3	6	8
Bruton Abbey—daily, and on Maunday Thursday	16	6	8
Taunton Priory—including 4 Almsmen at Stavordale	41	9	0
Keynsham „	10	15	0
Worspring „	8	0	0
Bath „	10	2	6
Muchelney Abbey—4 Almsmen, 7 poor men occasionally	11	3	0
Montacute Priory—7 Almsmen, others occasionally	23	8	6
Athelney Abbey—charged on divers ¹ estates	22	18	2
Cleeve „ „ „ „	26	18	4
Barlynch Priory „ „ „ „	8	1	0
Dunster „ „ „ „	0	14	8
Bridgwater—St. John's Hospital	32	6	8
two estates charged by Bishop Burnell with maintenance of thirteen boys—another with maintaining seven Almsmen, leaving only £1 13s. for distribution.			
Bath—Hospital of St. John	0	8	0
	£356 14 10		

The houses at Hinton and Witham, Barrow, Buckland and Templecombe return nothing.

¹ The Manor of Sutton was charged with £11 4s. for eleven Bedesmen to pray for the soul of King Alfred, the founder of Athelne

REMARKS.

The abatements allowed by the King's valuers were, I conceive, only such as could be proved "ut patet per chartas" to be *fixed* charges, "doles by tenure," and so to form no part of the available corporate income which was taxable, when subsidies to the King were voted by Convocation.

There was no doubt much besides of ungauged benefaction flowing from the convents, though varying in each place, fluctuating and arbitrary, *e.g.*—(1) Relief to the wayfarer, (2) Broken meat, (3) Treatment of the Sick; for though the conventual Infirmaries were designed for the inmates of the house, yet inasmuch as they were the only infirmaries of the land, probably their benefits were sometimes extended if not to in-patients, at least to out-patients.

There were also, besides the Doles by tenure, many occasional gifts to the poor from great visitors lodging at the convent, and from pilgrims.

At Glastonbury there were *two* Almshouses, with their own special endowments, which survive to this day.

In the way of popular education, I cannot find any trace of the convents conferring any benefits. We look in vain through the chroniclers of Glastonbury, and whilst we read of many benefactions of the better Abbots of the 14th, 15th, and 16th Centuries, we read of no educational ones either inside or outside the walls, available for the people.

The abbey held an endowment¹ for maintenance of 10 scholars at Oxford, and also contributed to the maintenance of the Oxford House (now Worcester College), which educated the Novices of the Benedictine Order; but this education was academical, not popular.

After all, I suppose that the most sensible loss accruing to the neighbourhood, and especially to the abbey estates, arose from the fact, that the novices were chosen from those estates, that they rose to hold endowed monastic offices, and being allowed the private use of that earned income (though as *monks* sworn to poverty) they were able to pour their bounty into the laps of needy kinsfolk, and also to confer on them such appointments as reeves, woodmen, &c. In these indirect ways the dissolution made itself felt more than by the loss of doles at the Abbey Gate.

It must not be forgotten that endowed chantries were frequently charged with doles to the poor to be made on the day of obit.

The commission in 1st Edward VI reports the following:—Porlock 13*s.* besides maintenance of two Bedesmen at £3 0*s.* 8*d.* per annum; Greinton, 2*d.*; Wedmore, 12*d.*; Shepton Malet, £1 10*s.* 8*d.*; Trent, 10*s.* 8*d.*; Wells Cathedral, £21 16*s.* 8*d.*

The wills in the Wells Probate Registry show likewise that the pilgrims remembered the duty of Almsgiving at the shrine which they sought. See Sir R. Playce's Will, 1534, in which he leaves money for pilgrimages to be made for the benefit of his soul "to Joseph Abarmathia," *i.e.*, Glastonbury, and to "Our Lady of Cleve," and in each case *vd.* to be given to poor people. The same motives may be assumed to have operated at the time of celebrating obituary services in village churches, and to have kept alive a sense of the duty of remembering the poor, which was fruitful in other ways and at other seasons.

¹ Charged on the Manor of Camely by John Byconell, and amounting to £36 6*s.* 8*d.* It shared the fate of the other revenues at the Attainder, 1539

BISHOP DROKENSFORD'S DAILY AND YEARLY ALMS, FROM 1313 TO HIS DEATH 1329.

See Reg. Drok., fo. 141, a, b.

The estates being divided into 6 Bailiwicks, the Bailiff of each was ordered to deliver to 40 of the poorest persons daily a silver farthing, or its value in food.

At Michaelmas the survivors of the 40 were to receive 4s. for a cloak and shoes.

The Incumbents of the benefited parishes were to oversee the Bailiffs (*i.e.*, to secure fitting selection of recipients). Worn-out priests admissible; but preference was to be given to such of the Bishop's serfs, or widows as had been driven by poverty to throw up their holdings and to beg.

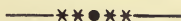
The complement of persons thus relieved was 240.

RECTORIAL TITHES

AS A SOURCE OF RELIEF TO POVERTY.

Relief of the poor is often enumerated in formal documents as one of the "onera" of rectorial income. The obligation and its extent was of necessity left, in most cases, to the rector's conscience, but where the administration of the income fell into the Bishop's hands by sequestration, the registers show that the "onus" was remembered, and sometimes defined. In some cases the sequestrator was instructed to administer relief to the poor out of the revenues in his hands. See Reg. Drok., fo. 75 (*et alibi*) and *ibid.*, fo. 214, the Bishop's complaint that non-residence of rectors, which he had too freely sanctioned, had robbed the poor of their due. Owing to this evil and to the increase of tithe-appropriation, which ensured perpetual non-residence, the relief of the poor flowing from the Rectory, must have been very intermittent, and in many large areas wholly drained away. The loss of this relief was in fact great enough to induce the King and Parliament in the 15th of Richard II, and again in 4th of Henry IV, to require that a convenient (*i.e.*, proportionate) sum of money should be set apart out of the fruits of each benefice thenceforth appropriated, and bestowed on poor parishioners. The Second Statute added the penalty of disappropriation in case of neglect, thereby attesting the fact that the requirements had been evaded. Whatever benefits flowed into the parish from the resident and conscientious rector, none can be reckoned on as a source of standing relief after the bane of appropriation had impoverished the benefice.

Appendix D.



THE HOGGLERS.

The existence of this class of men, of their name and of the share assigned to them in the life of the parish is so novel to me, and to all whom I confer with, that I deem it expedient to put on record all I know about them, in hope that their place and function in the Village Church community may be cleared up fully hereafter.

I offer the following helps :—

There were Hoggles and Hoggling lights maintained in the Church at **T**, at **P**, at **Y**, at **M**. At **C**, they were a Guild with Wardens, bringing their surplus, after Guild-expenses paid, to the Church-Warden's audit, like the other Guilds.

At Banwell they made a much more important contribution, see p. 229, under the name of "le Hogeling," apparently by taking charge of common lands and cattle running on them, and bringing the profits to the parish audit.

At Banwell, the Hoggles continued to bring their subsidy in Elizabeth's reign. At Cheddar, Hogeling money is found an item of receipt up to 1630, but whence it accrued, is unexplained.

The class was the lowest order of labourer with spade or pick, in tillage or in minerals. The word still survives in the Mendip villages, though not a class-name, as it was in the days of Hannah More, when her sister Patty, 1795, addressed a Provident Club thus :¹ "let the men of Shipham and Rowberrow become honest and good graziers and *Hoglers*. They are placed on this spot by Almighty God. The very ground you walk upon points out your daily labour (*i.e.*, by its richness in minerals). Excel in that. An honest Hogler is as good in the Almighty's eyes as an honest squire. Do your duty in the state of life where God has placed you." Again p. 111 : "The instances are rare when you have not a moment to beg God's blessing. 'Tis presumptuous to enter on the matters of the world without asking it. A prayer put up to God at *Hogling* or at Haymaking will be as acceptable to Him," &c., &c.

The word has now fallen in use to describe not the lowest class of workman but the lowest class of *work* and *workmanship*. "You might hoggle them potatoes, but you can't dig them, *i.e.*, properly," was said in scorn to a young inexperienced girl in 1889 in Churchill. "A hoggling job;" "He has been and hoggled my potatoes;" are current expressions in Cheddar and Priddy, used to discredit the *manner* of work.

For our purpose the sense of the now-dying-out word is clear enough, and the social and other facts we gain from the records are important.

The lowest class of hand-worker in our villages, whether in field or in minery was called by the name of Hogler. It was the lowest in the social rank and in means. It must have included the serf, and yet it was allowed to take its place amongst other classes in organized

¹ "Mendip Annals," by Rev. A. Roberts, p. 145. Nisbet & Co., 1859.

aid to the church; and poor as it was, it was willing to bring its continual contribution if not in money to the Church Wardens' coffer, at least to the maintenance of a light, one of the continuous devotions of the sanctuary. Moreover its acceptance as an organized Guild implies an acknowledgment of its being in matters spiritual on an even level with the rest, and the effect of acting in a Guild must have been to elevate its members in capacity for orderly management and control, and also in self-respect.

These facts all tend to show that the Church did not know of any degradation in poverty or even in serfdom, and that the villagers of all ranks were in the habit of meeting the bondsmen of their community under the sacred roof as Brethren in the family of Christ. The silent teaching of these facts must have been powerful to soften the dividing lines of the body social.

In immediate connexion herewith, I now offer some proofs of the softening of the social barriers, and even of the legal ones which in their original rigour deprived the serf of political rights.

In the episcopal and capitular registers of Wells and Lichfield of the 14th and 15th Centuries the work of manumission is found to be continually going on. Even before the great changes wrought by the Black Death of 1349, *et seq.*, which raised the value of labour, the ecclesiastical landlords were largely releasing their human property "a vinculo Nayvitatit." In many cases, Bishop Drokensford tonsured the manumitted youth on the day of his release, proving that he had been selected with the view of elevation to the ministry, and that he must already have had by favour of his patron some education to bring his capacity to proof. The effect of serf-born men being thus elevated by patrons must have been very powerful in abating the scorn which free classes commonly feel towards the servile ones around them.

In my college of Merton in 14th Century, there were recorded cases of youths born in serfdom obtaining fellowships, and producing their manumission from their Lord (Kellaw, Bishop of Durham, 1311-8) to enable them to hold their fellowships. In a communer's roll 1394-5 of Wells Chapter is recorded the fact that Henry Grey a serf (*nativus*) had impleaded his masters the Dean and Chapter in the King's Court for unjust imprisonment and loss of goods, that the court had allowed his civil right to plead as an owner of goods, that the Chapter had been obliged to acknowledge that right, and to appear by attorney before the King's Justices at York, where they compromised by making fine.

This recognition of rights of ownership and of legal action must have been unknown to the legists, for Littleton, sec. 177, as quoted by Blackstone, Comm. Bk. II, 6, lays down that "A Villein (meaning a serf) cannot acquire lands or goods, but if he purchased either, the Lord might seize them to his own use." Littleton wrote in Edward IV's reign, 1464-82. He was recording no doubt what was the common law as laid down by the earlier writers, and not taking notice of the modifications of its stringency, which were happily growing up through the welding influences of Christian fellowship and teaching. One more documentary proof I am enabled to give by the kindness of J. F. S. Horner, Esq., of Mells, who possesses a "Terrier and perambulation of the Manor of Doultling" made by his ancestor John Horner (in 8th of Henry VIII, 1516) who was then Bailiff of the manor of D, under the Abbot (Beere) of Glastonbury, the Sub-prior and other sworn men, tenants of the manor, being present. The terrier shows that the demesne lands were no longer tilled by serf labour but divided into farms and leased out to renting tenants, who paid fines on entry. The chief lessee of demesne lands, John Whyte, is described as a serf "*nativus domini*."

As such he was legally incapable of owning goods, yet he is found renting from his masters at a rent of £8 16s. 8d., after paying a sum down for entry on the lease. At the end, the Terrier sums up the human property of the manor in a list of 16 "nativi domini per capita," which, on comparison with the names of the farm-tenants, reveals the facts that these serfs had been allowed to acquire property and responsible position, enabling them to pay fines, and rents. "Per capita" adverts to the legal fact that not only the heads of the servile families belonged to the Lord, but also all their "sequelæ," *i.e.*, all that followed them, wives, children, goods.

It is evident that the bulk of the yeoman class of the parish consisted of serfs, and that the parish offices must have been filled by them, and also, that the yoke of serfdom sat so lightly, and was so slight a social disparagement, that they did not think it worth while to purchase their manumission, which, as the records show, could always be done at a fixed cost.

In the Terrier, made out by the Crown officers in 1539 immediately after the Attainder of the Abbey, the serfs were dropped altogether at Doultling, though returned in neighbouring estates as "bondmen dependent on the King's pleasure for body and goods." These bondmen were reduced at Mells and at Godney to an unit, but at Pilton reached twenty-two. The Doultling serfs had probably purchased their freedom of their kind master, the Abbot, before lapsing into the hands of the King.

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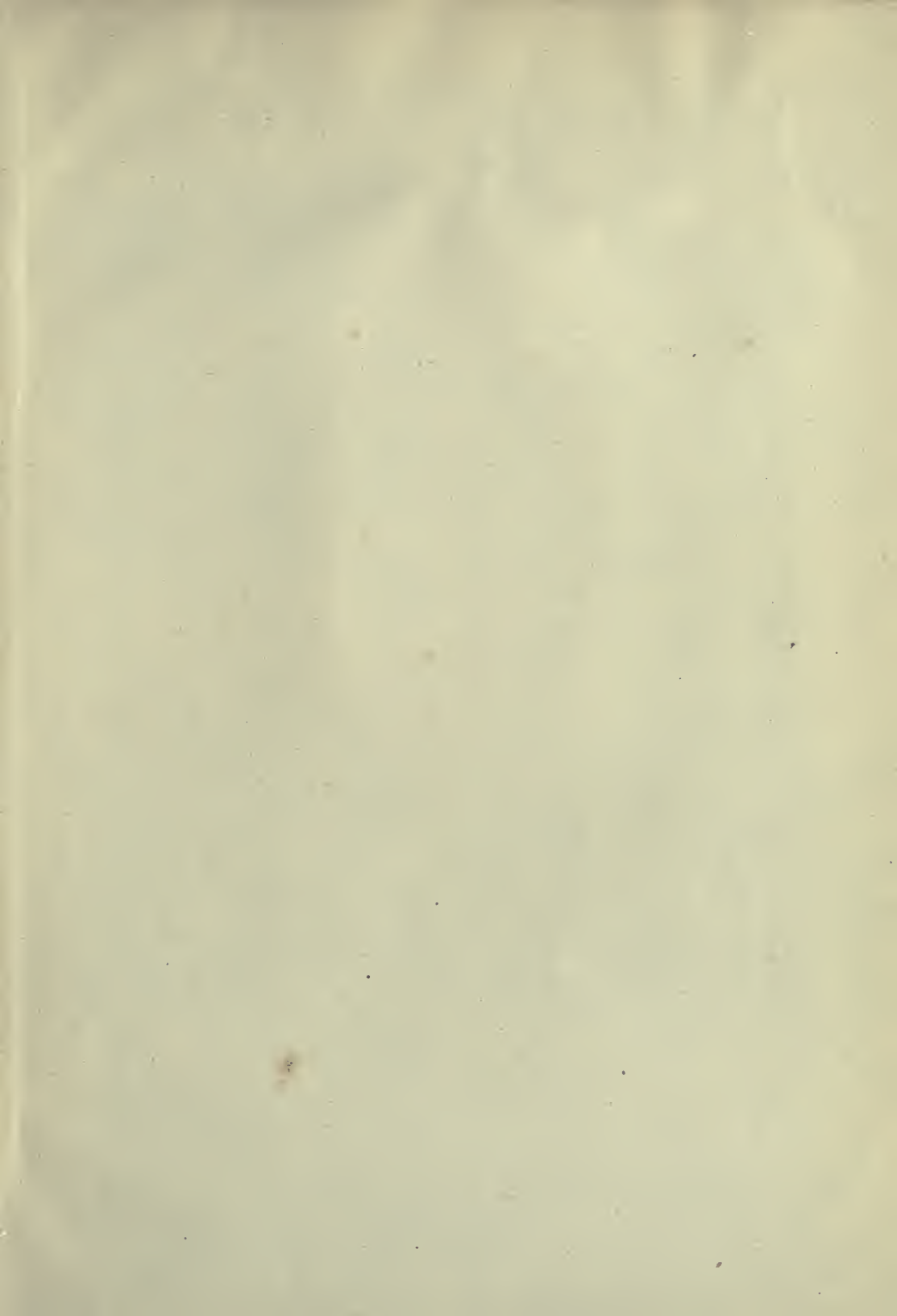
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